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Shahi in Iran

Fresh bid to end war

TEHRAN, Feb. 2 (R) — Pakistani Foreign Minister Agba Shahi traveled to the southern front in the Gulf war Monday to meet resident Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, apparently a fresh attempt to mediate in the conflict and to discuss Afghanistan. The official Pars news agency said last week's Islamic Summit in Saudi Arabia had asked Shahi to visit the front again and try to find a solution to the war. Pakistani diplomats here would not confirm however that he had come on a peace mission.

They said his talks would cover regional issues, including Pakistan's initiatives to negotiate a political settlement in Afghanistan, Iran's eastern neighbor.

Shahi arrived in Tehran from Karachi and Pakistan embassy spokesman said he left immediately for the southern war front for talks with Bani-Sadr, who has spent much of his time in the past four months supervising military operations there.

Since Iraqi troops and armour entered Iran Sept. 22 last year, airborne mediation attempts in the Gulf war have brought many leaders to Iran, including Palestinian commander Yasser Arafat and former Swedish Premier Olof Palme.

Shahi had been here before, accompanying Pakistan President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq on peace missions.

The Islamic summit in Taif, boycotted by Iran because of the presence of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, last week appealed to the warring sides to accept Islamic mediation and order a ceasefire. The final communique offered to establish a multi-national force to implement a truce. But Iran has been adamant in its refusal to negotiate as long as Iraqi troops remained on Iranian territory. Diplomats here rated as low the prospect of a new initiative succeeding where others have failed.

Despite Suarez resignation

Carlos to visit Basque

MADRID, Feb. 2 (Agencies) — King Juan Carlos travels to the troubled Basque region Tuesday for his first official visit despite a political crisis in Spain. A separatist movement in the Basque country, where 110 persons died in political violence last year, has given Spain's young democracy one of its toughest tests.

Official sources said the three-day royal visit would go ahead despite the surprise resignation last Thursday of Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez after nearly five years in power. The king has spent the last three days in consultations with parliamentary party leaders to try to end the crisis. Under Spain's two-year-old democratic constitution, the monarch has to propose a new candidate for prime minister to parliament for approval.

A split within the ruling Union of the Democratic Center (UCD) Party delayed royal acceptance of Vice-Premier Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo as candidate to succeed Suarez.

Sotelo's name was put forward by Suarez and his supporters in the UCD's executive committee. But critics of Suarez, insisting that decision-making in UCD must be more democratic, have not yet given Calvo Sotelo their support.

The king has apparently decided to wait until after the UCD's national congress on the island of Majorca this weekend to see whether the party can heal its internal divisions. Whatever the outcome of the party convention, the feeling is that the king will probably have to hold a second round of consultations with parliamentary leaders early next week before proposing a successor for Suarez.

The conservative Christian Democrat faction within the UCD, which in concert with the military, pressured Suarez into resigning, are determined to have a prime minister who can summon full party allegiance and present a detailed political program. They also want a man who will scrap the free-wheeling new divorce bill tabled by Social Democrat Justice Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordóñez, which provides among other things for divorce by mutual consent.

A Social Democrat spokesman made it clear Monday that "the divorce" bill and Fernandez Ordóñez staying on as justice minister are not things we are prepared to negotiate. During his weekend of inconclusive parley with these two main wings of UCD, Sotelo himself insisted that he will not be prime minister without the backing of the party as a whole.

Party chooses Mrs. Gro to succeed Nordli

OSLO, Feb. 2 (R) — Leaders of Norway's ruling Labor Party have agreed on a woman doctor to succeed Prime Minister Odvar Nordli who resigns Tuesday for health reasons after five years in office, informed sources said Monday.

The six leaders are to announce their choice to the party's central committee Tuesday.

Declarations of support for Mrs. Gro Bruundland, 42, Labor's deputy chairman and former environment minister, are pouring in from local party organizations all over Norway, a party spokesman said.

Nordli, 63, announced his resignation three days ago. He said he was resigning for health reasons, but political sources said criticism from within the party over Labor's declining popularity probably contributed to his decision.

With general elections only eight months away, opinion polls show Labor and the Conservatives running neck and neck.

Haig 'dismisses' envoy to Salvador

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (AFP) — United States Secretary of State Alexander Haig has dismissed U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador Robert White, the New York Times reported Monday, quoting State Department sources.

White has come in for violent criticism from conservative supporters of new President Ronald Reagan, the paper said, and was told he was being replaced when he was recalled to Washington last week.

The change could signal a new U.S. policy toward Central America, though it came before the completion of a review of Washington's activities in El Salvador demanded by Haig, the New York Times added.

To our readers

Arab News starts today a series of analytical articles on the resolutions of the third Islamic summit conference held recently in Taif. (See page six)



REFUGEES: A 10-year-old Afghan girl holds her baby brother in front of a tent that is home to their family of 10 in Chitral, Pakistan. An estimated 1.4 million Afghans have sought refuge in Pakistan after Soviet intervention in their country.

Below \$500 an ounce

Dealer expects gold to rise

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 2 — The gold market here was generally slow to react to reports of falling prices worldwide with one dealer quoting SR1720 (\$520) an ounce and another at a much lower figure at SR1671 (\$501).

Abdulla Al Mussallam, manager of the gold department of Muhammad and Abdullah Al Subaili, one of the leading money changers and gold merchants in the Kingdom, said he believed that higher interest rates offered by American banks for dollar accounts led to a gold selling rush in the last few days. Al Mussallam said he expected gold to rise again to \$520 during the next few weeks as banks ease their demand for dollars.

Al Mussallam said the present rates in Jeddah are certainly not the lowest quoted this year. The lowest was SR1616 (\$485) which was the prevailing price three weeks ago.

Al Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange and Commerce quoted the price of SR1700 (\$510.5) per ounce or SR53400 per kilogram.

In London the dollar, hit by an easing of dollar interest rates, fell to 2.1035 West German marks from Friday's 2.1300. It also dropped from 1.9310 Swiss francs Friday to 1.9090, and from 206.20 yen to 202.75.

Sterling, which fell by about a cent to \$2.3557, was affected by remarks on television at the weekend by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher which were interpreted as a hint that British interest rates might be cut soon.

The mark, which has been weak as a reflection of West Germany's balance of payments problems, received a boost from an easing of tension in central Europe following news that the Polish trade union Solidarity had called off a nationwide strike planned for this week.

Trading was reported hectic in Frankfurt as the dollar fell and well below its Friday close.

Interest rates of dollar deposits outside the United States eased slightly Monday. This followed U.S. money supply figures showing a decline in major indicators, which the markets felt might slightly relax the need for high U.S. domestic interest rates in the fight against inflation. Lower interest rates make the dollar a less attractive investment.

Gold slipped back below \$500 an ounce again Monday to trade at \$494. In London, last week it dropped below \$500 before recovering to \$506.50 Friday. Gold has been depressed by an easing of tension after the end of the Iran-U.S. hostage crisis and may have been hit further by the news of Poland, dealers said.

Meanwhile, the Swiss National Bank said Monday Switzerland's two leading interest rates will go up Tuesday in an effort to help its currency, restrain inflation and bring them into line with international market rates.

The bank said it would raise its basic discount rate, at which it lends against government collateral, to 3.5 per cent from three per cent.

Butros, Khaddam meet in Damascus

DAMASCUS, Feb. 2 (R) — Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros held talks Monday with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam shortly after arriving in Damascus for a two-day visit. Official sources said discussions covered the situation in Lebanon and questions of joint interest.

Butros is also believed to be paving the way for a meeting between Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and Syrian head of state Hafez Al-Assad, probably later this month.

During his stay, Butros will also call on President Assad. Syria has an estimated 30,000-man peace-keeping force in Lebanon under an Arab League mandate.

Meanwhile, security sources said in Beirut Monday that about 80 persons died in various acts of violence in Lebanon last month. About 20 were killed in artillery exchanges between Israeli gunners and allied rightist militias in southern Lebanon on the one hand, and Palestinian-leftist forces on the other.

In addition, six persons were killed in clashes in a southern Beirut district between the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command and the Lebanese Muslim Shi'ite organization Amal. Three Soeagalese soldiers serving with the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) were killed by unidentified gunmen and a Filipino soldier died after an exchange of fire with Palestinian forces.

Halt accusations, Russia warns U.S.

MOSCOW, Feb. 2 (Agencies) — The Soviet leadership Monday warned the administration of President Ronald Reagan against continuing the accusations made by Secretary of State Alexander Haig that Moscow was backing international terrorist movements.

Tass news agency quoted a government statement that Soviet leaders hope "that Washington will reflect seriously on the consequence of this hostile campaign against the Soviet Union, tries to end it and begin to concern itself with important problems."

Such problems were numerous and if American leaders wanted normal relations with Moscow they will find the Soviet side partners ready for dialogue, the statement added.

Aoy allegation that the Soviet Union was taking part in terrorist activity was "a grotesque and malevolent lie", the agency said. It added that those behind the U.S. campaign "are dishonest when they equate terrorism with the legitimate struggle of peoples for their national economic and social freedom."

According to his logic, George Washington and the founders of the United States were terrorists for leading the struggle of the American colonies for their independence, the statement added.

Soviet leaders noted that such "inventions" could be ignored, except that the campaign had been launched by high officials in the administration, including Haig.

"Later statements by another State Department representative show clearly that it was not a clumsy phrase made accidentally but a conscious political move," Tass said.

The Soviet Union had always been and would remain opposed to the theory and practice of terrorism in international relations, the government statement declared. It recalled Moscow's part in international conference designed to combat air piracy and accused Washington itself of encouraging terrorism by refusing to extradite Lithuanians Pranas Brazioiskas and his son Algirdas, who hijacked a Soviet airline to Turkey in 1970.

The harsh, 900-word statement was the most formal Soviet denial yet of charges made by Haig. "Soviet leading circles have taken note of a new anti-Soviet hostile campaign being unfolded in the United States," the statement began, indicating that it was approved at the highest Kremlin levels.

Tass also accused former Presidential Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski of a "crude and unparliamentary lie" for reportedly saying that U.S. President Jimmy Carter narrowly averted a Soviet invasion of Poland early last December. Brzezinski, Carter's advisor on National business seminar last week in Davos, Switzerland, the Swiss newspaper Suisse said Saturday.

Tass called the report an "invention" and said it was an attempt "to divert attention from the West's attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of peoples' Poland."

In Washington, White House Chief of Staff James Baker said Sunday Reagan's hard line against the Soviet Union was meant to send a message to Moscow that there would be no "business as usual" between the two superpowers. He told television interviewers that

Saudi Arabia 'is extremist,' Israel claims

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2 (Agencies) — Israel accused Saudi Arabia Monday of being an "extremist" country and urged West Germany to drop plans to sell tanks to that country. Foreign ministry spokesman Naphtali Lavi called a news conference and presented a list of Saudi Arabian measures which he claimed backed Israel's position.

Lavi said Saudi Arabia had sent troops to help the Arab cause in the 1948, 1976, and 1978 Mideast wars, was on record for what he called "extreme positions".

For instance, Lavi recalled that Saudi Arabian authorities distributed copies of "protocols of the Elders of Zion" to reporters accompanying U.S. former Secretary of State Dr. Henry Kissinger there.

The protocols are an account of a Zionist conspiracy to take over the world.

Lavi also noted that Saudi Arabia had refused to allow a Dutch Zionist journalist who is working in Israel to accompany the Dutch Foreign Minister on his visit to Saudi Arabia.

Lavi said "we have good reason to believe" that arms supplied to Saudi Arabia could be used against Israel.

Lavi disputed the view held in the West that Saudi Arabia is a conservative and moderate country. Asked why Israel's view differed so sharply from those of the West, Lavi claimed the desire to sell arms to Saudi Arabia was dictated by oil requirements and business interests. He noted that Saudi Arabia like virtually all the Arab world rejected the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Iberia flights crippled

MADRID, Feb. 2 (AP) — A strike for more pay by airport workers of the Spanish Iberia Airlines forced cancellation Monday of a number of domestic and international flights and delayed many others, stranding thousands of passengers. More than 17,000 ground crew members of the airline staged a two-hour strike, demanding a 15 per cent hike against the management's 8 per cent offer.

Future embassy sieges to be met with military force

By Susan I. Gray
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 — Embassy sieges in the future are likely to be longer and more sieges will be ended by force, rather than negotiation. This is the conclusion reached by the Rand Corporation think-tank in a new study which says that in the future governments will take a firmer stand and refuse to meet terrorists' demands.

The Rand report, which was published two days after the release of the 52 American hostages held in Iran, echoes the words of President Reagan that "swift and effective retribution" can be expected in future embassy seizures or attempted takeovers.

In its report published Jan. 22, Rand reviews 43 embassy seizures and 5 attempted takeovers which occurred from 1971-80.

Seizing embassies has become a common form of protest and coercion during the 1970s and the first year of the 1980s. The tactic, Rand concludes grew out of the air-

liner hijackings and political kidnappings of the late 1960s and early 1970s. With the exception of gaining international publicity, taking over embassies has been a losing proposition for terrorists.

But Rand predicts that the failure of most terrorists to get their principal demands met will not lead to an abandonment of the tactic of embassy takeovers.

Instead the taking of diplomatic hostages appears to be contagious. While the rate of success in attempted embassy takeovers has declined, Rand says, gaining international attention, causing crises and embarrassing governments may be sufficient reward for would-be attackers in the future.

Beefed-up security measures have been undertaken by nearly all diplomatic missions, and security has been a particular concern of the United States following a rash of embassy sieges in 1979-80. While Rand concludes that stringent security measures do serve to deter embassy takeovers, the report points out that diplomatic targets are virtually limitless.

"If the embassies of world powers are well-guarded, the terrorists may shift to less-protected consulates or to the less-protected embassies of diplomatic posts of smaller countries." More than half of the 48 embassy incidents have occurred from 1978-80, Rand attributes this increase almost entirely to the political turmoil in two countries — Iran and El Salvador. Four embassies were seized in Iran and 11 embassies either were seized or faced attempted seizures in El Salvador.

In reinforcing its conclusion that hostage taking is contagious, Rand says that one incident inspires another. While the hostage takers are of diverse origins, they seem to fall in to two broad categories — small terrorist teams and large groups of militants. Most of the 1970s incidents occurred in Western Europe. But in 1980 the largest number of terrorist incidents involving embassies happened in Latin America.

The embassies that have been the favorite targets have been the United States and

Case study provides insight into bolder tactics

The magazine, in a report on protection of intelligence materials at U.S. embassies, said militants found a document indicating that William Daugherty and Malcolm Kalp were Central Intelligence Agency officers. The document had a marginal note — "show to Tom A." — which suggested to the militants that embassy official Thomas Aherm was connected to the CIA, Time reported.

The three suffered harsher treatment than other captives, Time said. Kalp reportedly was beaten twice and kept in solitary confinement for 374 days. After the embassy seizure, the State Department issued no information on the embassy duties of Daugherty, 33, or Kalp, 42. Aherm 48 was described by the department as its embassy narcotics control officer.

American officials at the U.S. embassy in Tehran destroyed almost all sensitive communications equipment and many documents as the compound was stormed Nov. 4, 1979. But, Time reported, contents of the safes of Charge d'Affaires Bruce Laing and political officer Michael Metrisko were captured intact and provided "a treasure trove of information."

Included were the documents supposedly linking the three men to the CIA and "several compromising documents that, according to State Department officials, should have been shredded soon after Laing received them," Time said.

The magazine said the files did not name "local CIA agents" in Iran because such officials are only listed in a government computer in Virginia. But militants recovered embassy documents that contained names of Iranians who visited the embassy, and U.S. officials believe that many of them were arrested and some executed, the magazine said.

Time said sensitive documents also were taken from a helicopter abandoned after the aborted rescue attempt in April 1980, forcing some U.S. agents in Iran to scramble out of the country. The documents also provided locations of safe houses, procedures and codes used in making contact with local agents, and secret escape routes, the weekly news magazine reported.

FOR IRAQ: File picture of the French built Mirage F-1 jet fighter for which France announced Sunday that it had delivered a consignment to Iraq in accordance with a 1977 contract between the two countries.

For S. American Muslims

Youth camp opens

SAO PAULO, Feb. 2 (SPA) — The first Muslim youth camp in South America began here Monday. Young Muslims from all over the continent will gather for several weeks to acquaint themselves with each other, engage in various types of cultural and sports activities and be lectured by renowned scholars on Islam, Arabic and how to spread the Muslim faith.

The camp also aims at ensuring coordination among Islamic associations in South America. It is patronized by the Jeddah-based 42-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference together with the Riyadh-based World Assembly of Muslim Youth

King Hassan leaves Kingdom

JEDDAH, Feb. 2 (SPA) — King Hassan II of Morocco left for home Monday afternoon after attending the third Islamic summit conference that ended in Taif last Thursday, he also visited the Holy Prophet's Mosque in Medina.

On his return from Medina earlier in the day, King Hassan conferred with President Omar Bongo of Gabon. The talks dealt with relations between the two countries.

King Hassan was received and seen off at the airport by Mecca Governor Prince Majed, Deputy Governor Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen, Gen. Mansour Al-Shuaibi, commander of the Western Province; Gen. Ali Al-Masb'ouf, Mecca Police Commander; a representative from the royal protocol and other senior officials.

The king of Morocco took an active part at the summit which he addressed twice; the first time on behalf of his country; and the second, at the closing session, on behalf of all Arab member states of the Islamic Conference. King Hassan is the chairman of the Jerusalem Committee — an offshoot of the OIC which looks after the implementation of resolutions and recommendations connected with the liberation of Jerusalem and the rest of the occupied Arab territories from the Zionist grip.

(WAMY), the Federation of Islamic Associations in Brazil, and Abu Bakr El-Siddiq Society of Sao Paulo. More than 150 youths are participating in the camp.

Ambassadors of Islamic countries, the governor of Sao Paulo, a representative from the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its affiliate Islamic Solidarity Fund, WAMY's secretary general, and a host of Muslim scholars and intellectuals attend the opening ceremony.

In a related event, the secretary general of the Islamic Center of Japan presented a year-end report to the general body in its latest meeting. The report dealt with the center's activities which include Dawa (invitation to Islam) and tablegh (information).

Alhaj Mustafa Komura told the group that the activities of the center are Dawa oriented: talks, discussions, meetings, lectures, symposiums, publications and visits and travels all are undertaken for Islamic work only. Although the center concentrates on Japan and Japanese society, and all the publications are mainly in the Japanese language, the center feeds and supplies literature and information to foreign Muslims, too, he added.

In its program to educate its members on Islamic activities and knowledge, the Japanese Islamic Center presented a seminar at Nihon Kogyo Club by Dr. Abdullah Turki of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud University in Riyadh. In addition, the center organizes the yearly Haj with the cooperation of King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah, the Ministry of Haj, King Faisal University, in Dammam and Rabita Alam El-Islami in Mecca Mukarrama.

All the centers publications are checked and prepared authentically to make an easier understanding of Islam by a Japanese mind and society, the director said. He added that two of the directors at the center participated in the Seera Conference at Doha, Qatar. At the meeting, the directors explained the activities of the Islamic center and the prevailing situation in Japan. In addition, the center is promoting activities of the center with the media and press of Japan and abroad.



SIGNING: IDB President Dr. Muhammad Ali (center) signs an agreement with Syrian and Bangladeshi embassy officials.

IDB backs Syria-Bangladesh pact

JEDDAH, Feb. 2 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank will loan Syria \$6,555,000 to help buy jute from Bangladesh, according to an agreement signed at IDB headquarters here Sunday between President

Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, and Syrian and Bangladeshi embassy officials. The move was part of the bank's activities to encourage foreign trade among Islamic states.

BRIEFS

Water department building

DAMMAM, Feb. 2 (SPA) — A new building is under construction for the Eastern Province's Water and Sewage Department, Abdullah Al-Babtain, the department's director general, said Sunday. The four-story building is to be completed within 18 months and will cost SR21,063,850.

Artistic revival statute approved

RIYADH, Feb. 2 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian committee for the Arab Center for the Revival of the Artistic Heritage met Sunday under Prince Faisal bin Fahd, director general of the Youth Welfare Organization. The committee discussed and approved the draft statute of the center prepared by a sub-committee along with the specifications of the center's headquarters in Riyadh.

Debakey arrives

DAMMAM, Feb. 2 — The famous Arab-American heart surgeon and specialist Michael Debakey arrived here as the guest businessman Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Muayybed who held a large reception for him Monday evening.

Factories to be awarded

RIYADH, Feb. 2 — Ten national factories have been selected as candidates for the King's award to industry, according to Dr. Fuad Al Farsi, deputy minister of industry and electricity. The top three will be given awards while the other seven will

receive certificate of appreciation.

Majed dedicates hospital wing

TABUK, Feb. 2 — Governor Prince Abdul Majed bin Abdul Aziz opened the new outpatient department of the general hospital here and laid the foundation stone of additional departments. The hospital director Dr. Abdul Razak Al Laheeb said Sunday that the 82-bed hospital has a 72-bed wing for children.

Mosque council to meet

JEDDAH, Feb. 2 (SPA) — Mecca Governor Prince Majed bin Abdul Aziz will chair, on behalf of King Khaled, the opening session of the World Mosques Higher Council's sixth session meeting here Thursday. The council will discuss promoting the mission of mosques, repairing and renovating some mosques, and improving the standard of advocates and Muazineen (people who call for prayers), especially in Africa and Europe.

Trade council arrives

DAMMAM, Feb. 2 (SPA) — An Indonesian trade delegation arrived in Dhahran Sunday on a three-day visit of the Eastern Province. The delegation represents the Middle East Trade Cooperation Commission and specializes in manufacturing and exporting timber. The Indonesian delegation will meet the Eastern Province Chamber of Commerce officials and private businessmen.

Safety generator law issued

RIYADH, Feb. 2 (SPA) — A Council of Ministers' decree Sunday defined the various establishments in Saudi Arabia where a separate emergency power supply system is compulsory. Acquiring, operating and maintaining the units will be at the owners expense. Fines for contravening the instructions could be as high as SR100,000 plus SR500 per day until the system is installed.

The list comprised ten places, the two Harams (the Holy Haram in Mecca and the Prophet's mosque in Medina), hospitals, drinking water pumping stations, sewage networks, telecommunications centers, computer centers, places where more than 50 persons could be assembled — such as public libraries, exhibition or projection halls, museums, covered sports stadiums and others, cold storages such as vaccine warehouses, blood banks and foodstuff stores — as well as important buildings and factories and other places to be defined by the industry and electricity minister in consultation with the interior minister.

According to the new law, the owner will be responsible for selecting the place where the unit is to be installed and for specifying the quantity of fuel needed for its operation, as well as the place where the latter is to be stored as provided for in civil defense regulations. The ministers of industry and electricity and interior will set the executive rules and establish the follow-up system for the implementation of the law. In case any government authority does not abide by the instructions, the interior minister shall ask the competent minister to carry out the necessary investigation and apply correctional measures according to the rules and

regulations or report his findings to the prime minister.

If the defaulter is non-governmental, the interior minister shall apply appropriate sanctions including warning or fines that would not exceed SR100,000. He can also in addition to that, compel the offender to pay a sum of not more than SR500 for every day from the time the contravention was caught to the day when the emergency unit has been installed, the decree stipulates.

The decree aims at securing an alternate electric power supply system for the places defined, no matter the efficiency and steadiness of their regular electricity source, to protect both individuals and property.

Officials study drydock

MANAMA, Feb. 2 (SPA) — A ministerial committee of the Arab Organization of Exporting Countries opened a meeting here Monday on the feasibility of setting up a drydock in Algeria. Dr. Man'e Said Al Oteiba, the oil minister of the United Arab Emirates, is chairing the meeting.

The committee includes Yusouf Al-Shirawi, Bahrain's development minister; and Salah Khojaji, the Algerian transport minister. It will submit its report to OAPEC's forthcoming meeting in May in Kuwait.

Three embrace Islam

HAIL, Feb. 2 — Two men a Filipino and an Indian — and Filipino woman embraced Islam here Sunday. The first was renamed Abdullah and the other Muhammad while the woman took the name of Fatma.

Prayer Times						
Tuesday	Mecca	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr	5.33	5.38	5.09	4.59	5.23	5.56
Dhuhr	12.35	12.36	12.07	11.54	12.18	12.48
Asr	3.48	3.46	3.17	3.02	3.26	3.53
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Men jailed for bribes and forgery

JEDDAH, Feb. 2 — Three men, a Saudi Arabian and two foreigners found guilty of bribery and forgery were sentenced to one year imprisonment and varying fines, in addition to expulsion for the foreigners.

According to *Al-Riyadh* Sunday, Hadi ibn Muhammad Aweer Al-Yami, an employee of Najrao Passports Department, was found guilty of accepting a bribe from a foreigner. Yami was to confirm a residence permit for the foreigner, who was not identified, as part of his job.

Investigation by concerned parties ended in Yami's conviction. The allegation was endorsed by the court involved in bribery and forgery crimes and the convict was sentenced



Thomas Kroffila

to one year imprisonment and SR 5,000 fine, a statement by the Interior Ministry said. The ministry is publicizing these offences to warn the public against committing such crimes which contradict with the teachings of Islam and general morals, the statement said.

The ministry has adopted a campaign to combat offences of the rules, especially bribery and forgery crimes, by punishing the offenders and publicizing their crimes, *Al-Riyadh* said.

Nasher Miqbil, a Yemeni, was convicted of



Nasher Miqbil

trying to bribe a customs officer by offering money at one of the customs stations to be allowed to cross the border to North Yemen without being checked. When detained Miqbil confessed to the charges against him. He was transferred to a special court on bribery and forgery and was found guilty of offering bribe. Miqbil was sentenced to six months in jail and the money offered as a bribe was confiscated. The convict will be deported after serving his term in jail.

The third was an Indian accused of forgery.



Hadi Al-Yami

Tutatl Thomas Kroffila forged a letter of release from the company to which he was contracted to work for another firm. He used the company's official letter and stamp without the knowledge of his sponsor and used the forged letter as an official document.

Kroffila was found guilty of the charges against him and was sentenced to one year imprisonment and an SR 1,000 fine. The convict will be extradited after serving his term in jail, the interior ministry statement said.

In Jeddah

SABIC to open steel mill

JEDDAH, Feb. 2 (SPA) — A steel mill belonging to the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) will be dedicated here Monday Feb. 16. The mill will produce 140,000 tons of eight to 32 mm steel bars a year.

The majority of the 150 staff members will be Saudi Arabian nationals, some of whom already have trained in West Germany. The plant is a joint venture between SABIC and the German firm, Korf Handel.

The original project aimed at producing 10,000 tons a year but an agreement to expand it 14 times was signed in 1979. It covered the installation of the rolling unit with a capacity for 80,000 tons per year of steel bars of 14 to 28 mm in diameter. A

second production line producing 50,000 tons a year of six to 12 mm steel coil has already gone into service.

The council of ministers transferred the mill's ownership from the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources to SABIC to make possible the joint venture with Korf. SABIC also has signed an agreement with another Korf company, Korf Stahl for the installation of an iron and steel mill in Jubail. The Jeddah plant will use imported billets of steel mill until the Jubail plant goes into operation in 1981.

The mill was planned to meet a large part of the requirements of the Western Province. Referring to the two steel projects, Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, minister of industry and electricity said that part manufacture in Jubail and final production in Jeddah will be a step toward industrial integration.

Farmers' aid hits SR20m

HASA, Feb. 2 (SPA) — Date and grain farmers in the Eastern Province had been granted SR 20 million in assistance during the past four years, according to an Agriculture and Water Ministry official.

Abdul Rahman Al-Yamani, director of the Agriculture and Water Ministry for the Hasa branch directorate general, said Sunday that the number of farmers granted assistance reached 7,000. He called on farmers to produce documents confirming receipt of aid previously and fulfillment of the Zakat (2.5 per cent of a Muslim's property offered to the poor) to receive future financial assistance. This year's grants will be offered in April, Yamani said.

In a separate development, the Agricultural Development Project in Wadi Jizan will organize a "farm-land" week during the period between Feb. 10 to 14, officials reported Monday.

The farm-land week, to be held under the auspices of the emir of Jizan, will display the achievements of the Wadi Jizan project and the projects other activities that serve farmers in the region.



Lyad Amin Madani

Media director named

JEDDAH, Feb. 2 — Lyad Amin Madani has been appointed director general of Okaz Publishing and Printing Organization in succession to Sheikh Ali Hussain Shobokshi who resigned last week. Madani, previously editor-in-chief of *Saudi Gazette*, is a well known writer and journalist. He quit the *Gazette* last year to start his own media-related business before returning to the media full time.

Planning agency publishes standards book

RIYADH, Feb. 2 (SPA) — The City Planning Agency of the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs issued a working directory, officials reported Monday. The directory is the third in a series of publications for planning standards regarding commercial services in the Kingdom.

The directory comprises the ideal principles for planning commercial facilities in the Kingdom's regions, towns and villages. The directory will serve as a guideline in drawing public blueprints for regions, towns and villages, both for consulting and detailed planning.

Copies of the new directory have been distributed to urban planning and development departments that supervise preparations of plans for the Kingdom's cities and towns. In addition, copies also were sent to government departments related to these activities.

Desalination unit tested in Jubail

AL-KHOBAR, Feb. 2 (SPA) — The first of six desalting plants recently set up in Jubail is being tested, Soliman Al-Khamis, director general of the Saline, Water Conversion Corporation for the Eastern Province, said Monday. The unit is geared to produce five million gallons of drinking water a day.

Omar Abdullah Ghadi, deputy minister for city planning affairs, said the directory also includes definition of basic features for commercial centers, their standards and contents in consistency with the level of population in districts, villages, towns and regions.

The directory draws the principles and standards for planning, designing and counting the equations in way that could be adapted to various situations. It also facilitates adjustment and refinement of the plans and designs to suit local conditions of work

The circulation of the directory aims at putting the studies into experimental application, hence evaluation through remarks. The Municipal and Rural Affairs Ministry realizes the importance of achieving sound planning standards to be regularly reviewed in the light of urban requirements, experience from application and the opinion of the beneficiary departments.

The cities planning agency's previous two directories dealt with the planning standards for mosques and health services.

Khamis said that several desalination projects are underway in the province. Apart from the new units, the projects call for the installation of gas turbines to supply Al-Khobar and Jubail with more electricity. Khamis said that two gas turbines of a capacity of 25 megawatts each and an ancillary thermal boiler have gone oostream. The boiler, which is connected to the desalting plant, produces the necessary steam for the unit to be set in motion.

The main energy unit in Jubail consists of a central boiler and a steam turbine with an overall capacity of 50 megawatts and the second desalting unit will be tested within the coming three months, according to the official. The rest of the six units will be streamlined one after another until the plant produces a total 30 million gallons of potable water a day and 300 megawatts.

COMMENT

By Hussein Ali Hussein
Al Medina

Electrical works, plumbing and car repairs are among professions that produce gold, so it is said. But, unhappily, most workers in these trades are never well-versed in their profession.

Once I brought in an electrician to fix some air conditioners, fans and lights in the house. He easily took from me SR 1,000 for a job in which he hardly devoted three hours. After he left, I noticed that he had fixed a wooden piece behind the fan switch. I could not lock the door because the switch was protruding that it obstructed the door's movement.

When I turned on another switch the lamp did not light! The reason? He had mixed up the wires while fixing the switchboard. Being skeptic, I moved forward to have a look at the air conditioners. I was startled to find one of them broken from the side. The electrician had found it desirable to use violence when he failed to fix it properly. In other air conditioners he had left wide gaps to allow insects to make my apartment a comfortable place to reveal in their pastime!

Many other problems, left no doubt in my mind that this electrician was either ignorant or showed indifference to the job. I thought he must be taken to task by people who pay him whatever he demands.

I began wondering why the proper authorities do not exercise control on these illiterates who exploit people on the smallest matters. Would it not be worthwhile to compel prospective workers to join a training institute to get well-versed in their profession? I feel the authorities should maintain a register and issue accreditation cards to trained bands only. In this way, we can help avoid chaos arising out of faulty installations in many houses.

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Zionists launch anti-PLO campaign

U.S. searching for new peace plan

By Bob Lebling and Fawzi Asmar
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 — The Reagan administration has begun searching for alternatives to the Camp David approach to Middle East peace, but its efforts are threatened by a concerted Zionist campaign to deny the Palestine Liberation Organization any future role in the process. The administration is anxious to develop a peace initiative of its own, now that the Camp David format appears to have reached the end of its usefulness, reliable sources said.

Administration officials have been exploring a variety of avenues, and have solicited the views of a number of Arab parties, including Egypt, Jordan and, indirectly, the PLO, according to these sources. An approach has also been made to Syria, through a third party, but so far it has failed, the sources said.

The Reagan administration gave its blessing to the recent Egyptian overtures to the PLO, which took the form of a meeting in Beirut earlier last month between top PLO officials and a delegation headed by Egyptian writer Abdul Rahman Sherqawi. U.S. officials saw this meeting as an opportunity for the administration to learn, albeit indirectly through Egypt, what exactly the PLO sought in terms of its objectives over the short and long run, sources said.

Meanwhile, there have been intensive activities at the State Department regarding Jordan and its possible participation in some future peace initiative. While the specifics of American contacts with Jordan on this issue remain a closely guarded secret, it is known that King Hussein refuses to take part in talks under the Camp David format, and rejects,

the "Jordanian option" in the form recommended to President Reagan by the Israeli Labor Party.

As far as Egypt is concerned, diplomatic sources here say Cairo will not oppose a Reagan initiative outside of the Camp David framework. Egypt is already planning quiet contacts with a number of Arab parties to secure their views and assess the chances for some new initiative, the sources said.

Israel's greatest concern is that departure from the Camp David approach will lead to the involvement of the PLO in the peace process. Israeli leaders were seriously disturbed by the recent Egyptian-PLO contacts in Beirut, according to Hebrew press accounts.

To block the chances of any PLO role in peacemaking efforts, Israel's supporters in the U.S. have begun a major anti-PLO campaign aimed at both the Reagan administration and at American public opinion. Israel's official lobbying group in the U.S., the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), is circulating a report that charges the PLO with involvement in the seizure of the American hostages in Tehran.

The report has been sent to media representatives, community leaders and U.S. officials. It has also been delivered to U.S. congressmen and senators, just as plans are being made for congressional hearings into the hostage incident.

The effectiveness of this propaganda effort can be measured by a recent lead editorial in *The Washington Post*, which accused the PLO of playing a major role in the seizure of the hostages.

Observers were surprised by the papers' uncharacteristically harsh attack on the PLO,

Sadat to address Europe parliament

LUXEMBOURG, Feb. 2 (R) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat will address the European parliament next week during a two-day visit to Luxembourg, Egyptian diplomatic sources said Monday. Sadat's speech was expected to touch on the European Common Market's Middle East peace initiative which he welcomed.

The sources said Sadat would arrive here

next Monday and address the 434-member assembly next day. The sources said Sadat would probably go to Paris from Luxembourg.

EEC states launched their Middle East peace initiative last June, calling for the first time for the Palestine Liberation Organization to be associated with any peace negotiations in the area.

Klaauw in Algeria for M.E. talks

ALGIERS, Feb. 2 (R) — Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph Van Der Klaauw has arrived in Algiers for a two-day visit during which he is expected to discuss the proposed, European Common Market (EEC) Middle East peace initiative with Algerian leaders.

In an interview published by the Algerian newspaper *El Moudjahid*, the minister, who is also president of the EEC council of ministers, said Sunday he hoped to discuss energy problems and recent events in Africa and the

Middle East as well as bilateral questions during his talks.

During a brief stop in Cairo on his way to Algiers from Saudi Arabia, Van Der Klaauw briefed the Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Boutros Ghali, on his talks in Riyadh. He said he also touched on the EEC peace initiative which is expected to come up in talks here with Prime Minister Muhammad Abdulghani and Foreign Minister Muhammad Benyahia.

since the newspaper had previously shown a great deal of balance on Middle East issues and had even been attacked by the Israeli lobby for pursuing an anti-Israeli editorial policy.

On another front, Zionists have begun closing in on the State Department in an effort to gain the ear of Secretary of State Alexander Haig and isolate him from views within the department which are balanced or pro-Arab. Israel was initially excited about Haig's appointment, but has become concerned in recent weeks by what Zionists perceive as his "softness" on the PLO question and his reluctance to make a ringing public endorsement of Israel as an American strategic asset.

Zionists inside and outside the administration have begun exploiting the strongly anti-Soviet views of Haig — as well as Reagan and others — by claiming that the PLO is a tool of the Soviet Union.

By thrusting the Palestinian resistance movement into three "cold war" contexts and portraying the PLO as an instrument of Soviet policy, the Zionist lobby hopes to erect a wall between the U.S. and the PLO which will remain intact for the rest of Reagan's four year term, according to political analysts.

This strategy has been at least partially successful in the early weeks of the new administration. Haig has been persuaded to retract some of the reasonably balanced comments he made during his Senate confirmation hearings, and has authorized department spokesmen to publicly attack the Soviets for providing aid to the PLO.

Haig may be influenced in this regard by one of his new assistants, Dr. David Korn, a professor who specializes in Soviet and Eastern bloc affairs. Korn, described in press accounts here as an active Zionist, now occupies the office next to Haig's, which previously belonged to Middle East negotiator Sol Linowitz.

While Korn is ostensibly a Soviet affairs adviser, he has become heavily involved in Middle East matters during his first few weeks on the job, sources said.

Israel hikes prices of basic commodities

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2 (AP) — In one of his first moves aimed at slowing Israel's 135 per cent inflation rate, Finance Minister Yoram Aridor has hiked prices for several basic commodities and cut taxes on color televisions and other durable goods.

Aridor, who took over as finance minister last month, Sunday increased the price of water, flour and milk products and reduced taxes on cars, color televisions, refrigerators, stoves and washing machines in a move that he said would soak up as much as \$375 million from the public.

The government also increased the prices of all fuels except gasoline by 15 per cent. The new prices for diesel and kerosene were set at \$1.37 and \$1.47 respectively, and a higher price for industrial fuel oil was expected to push up electricity costs by 10 per cent. A gallon of premium gasoline costs \$3.04.

The steps were denounced by the Histadrut, Israel's giant labor federation. "These are incentives for the rich," said Histadrut Secretary General Yehoram meshel.

Israel television quoted officials in the finance ministry as opposing the 10-5 per cent cuts in taxes on durable items as a means of soaking up excess funds from the economy.

The tax cuts, which would be effective for three months, would lower the cost of a color television set by 15 per cent to about \$1,750 for a medium-size model. Intermediate-sized cars would be 10 per cent cheaper at about \$13,000, and taxes on refrigerators and stoves also were reduced 8-10 per cent.

Prices for regular bread, subsidized by the government, remain unchanged. But milk products will be 12 per cent more expensive, with a 225-gram cup of cottage cheese costing 52 cents, and a kilogram of hard cheese \$6.50. A kilogram of flour will cost 25 per cent more at 50 cents.

BRIEFS

oo major international issues.

KUWAIT, (AFP) — South Korea's Energy and Resources Minister Park Boog-Hwan had talks here Monday with Kuwaiti Crown Prince Sheikh Saad al Abdullah al Sabah and Oil Minister Sheikh Ali al Khalifa al Sabah.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — Four drug dealers were executed here Monday after being found in possession of several kilos of heroin, hashish and opium extract, radio Tehran reported. The radio said that the four, who were not named, were shot at Qasr prison.

France denies reports

Iraq said getting 6 Mirages

LARNACA, Cyprus, Feb. 2 (Agencies) — Six more French-made Mirage F-1 jet fighters reportedly on their way from France to Iraq stopped here for refueling Sunday under heavy security precautions.

This was the second day running that Mirages have been transiting through here. Airport sources say they were bound for Iraq, but the Cyprus government broke a two-day secrecy about the jets movements to say they were Jordanian and bound for Amman.

Armed men of the special Cypriot police mobile reserve unit continued to ring the airport for the second day preventing newsmen and photographers to approach or take any photographs of the supersonic French jets.

However, French Foreign Ministry off-

icials denied reports that a further six Mirages for Iraq had landed in Cyprus Monday. "These reports are false," a spokesman said.

Sunday, the French government announced it had delivered a consignment of four Mirage fighters to Iraq, in accordance with a 1977 contract, but without saying how the delivery was made.

In Paris, Iran's Charge d'Affaires Ali Banifatemeh Monday condemned what he called the unexpected decision by France to deliver four Mirage jets to Iraq. "We did not expect France to make this delivery to Iraq. The Iranian people will never forget this act by France," Banifatemeh told Reuter on the telephone.

U.K. aide arrives for Jordan talks

AMMAN, Feb. 2 (AP) — British Deputy Foreign Secretary Sir Ian Gilmour arrived here for talks with top Jordanian officials that would deal, he said, with "bilateral relations and regional problems of common concern."

Sir Ian who arrived here Sunday night will also be visiting Syria and Kuwait. Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington recently toured

the Middle East on a fact finding visit.

Meanwhile, a nine-member British parliamentary delegation which arrived here after a two-day stay in Beirut where they met with Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat, held talks with Jordanian officials and visited Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan on Monday.

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American to set sail in a boat A voyage of adventure and thrill

By Nalini B. Rao

JEDDAH — Early next spring a small boat will leave the shores of Saudi Arabia for a voyage of adventure. At the tiller will be Chris Weigmann, an American. His ambition is to fulfill his lifelong dream of sailing away to a tropical paradise.

Unlike most people who simply dream out such adventures, Chris has already in the past purchased a second hand French-Dufour sailboat.

Chris, an electronics supervisor with Saudi Aramco, said that he has been spending long hours repairing it, to make it seaworthy. He said it will be ready this March for the first shakedown cruise.

The fiberglass boat stands on a custom trailer in front of Chris's home in Saudi Arabia's arid compound. It measures 27' long and has a 9' beam. It weighs 5000 lbs. and has a 27' tall mast that carries 350 sq. ft. of sails. Most of the rebuilding is being done with his own hands. He was surprised to find that a lot of equipment and materials in Jeddah were of American origin.

A fiberglass boat has many advantages over other boats. It is inexpensive to maintain and is fast and maneuverable," Chris says. Another reason why he decided on this particular boat was that of finance. The boat was purchased for \$10,000 and he says could be sold for \$18,000 after the mission is completed. The current price of a new boat of similar design would be between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

The rebuilding of the boat is more a labor of love and he has no plans of selling it. After



Chris Weigmann

his long journey back to his hometown of Seattle, Washington, the boat will probably be his home for a short time.

To gain practical experience Chris has plans to make several trips within the Red Sea. One of the first practice runs will be to the reefs near Port Sudan. These early shakedown cruises will be to know problems and to perfect the navigation skills.

Although Chris is an experienced aircraft navigator, there are other factors that must be considered when navigating a small sailboat. The constantly changing wind and the ocean currents may carry the small boat half way around the world. So he is studying navigation maps.

He admits that most of his experience has been with coastal sailing where navigating is done simply by referring to landmarks. In the open ocean there are no landmarks to help guide you, so he is studying techniques of celestial navigation. With the help of a sextant he will be able to establish his location by referring to the position of the stars or sun. "But what happens when there are days of overcast or fog?" I asked. Chris said "Then you simply keep track of the direction and speed of the currents, the heading of the boat ... and cross your fingers."

An avid scuba diver, Chris is planning to do a lot of diving in some of the most beautiful tropical waters in the world.

The first leg of the trip will be from Jeddah to the Seychelles. From the Seychelles, he will head east to the Cocos Islands which lie in the eastern part of the Indian Ocean, near Australia.

From Australia he will head east through the Coral Sea to Fiji and Tahiti. From there he plans to go to Marquesas and Hawaii. The final and longest stretch will be the 5000-km run between Hawaii and Seattle, Washington.

The trip involves more dangers than one could imagine. There is always the major danger of being rammed by big ships. Then there is the unpredictable weather to contend with. The trip is timed to miss the treacherous typhoons that skirt part of the route through southern Indonesia. This same region holds yet another danger ... pirates!

He plans to avoid such dangers by skirting close to Australia on way to Darwin from the

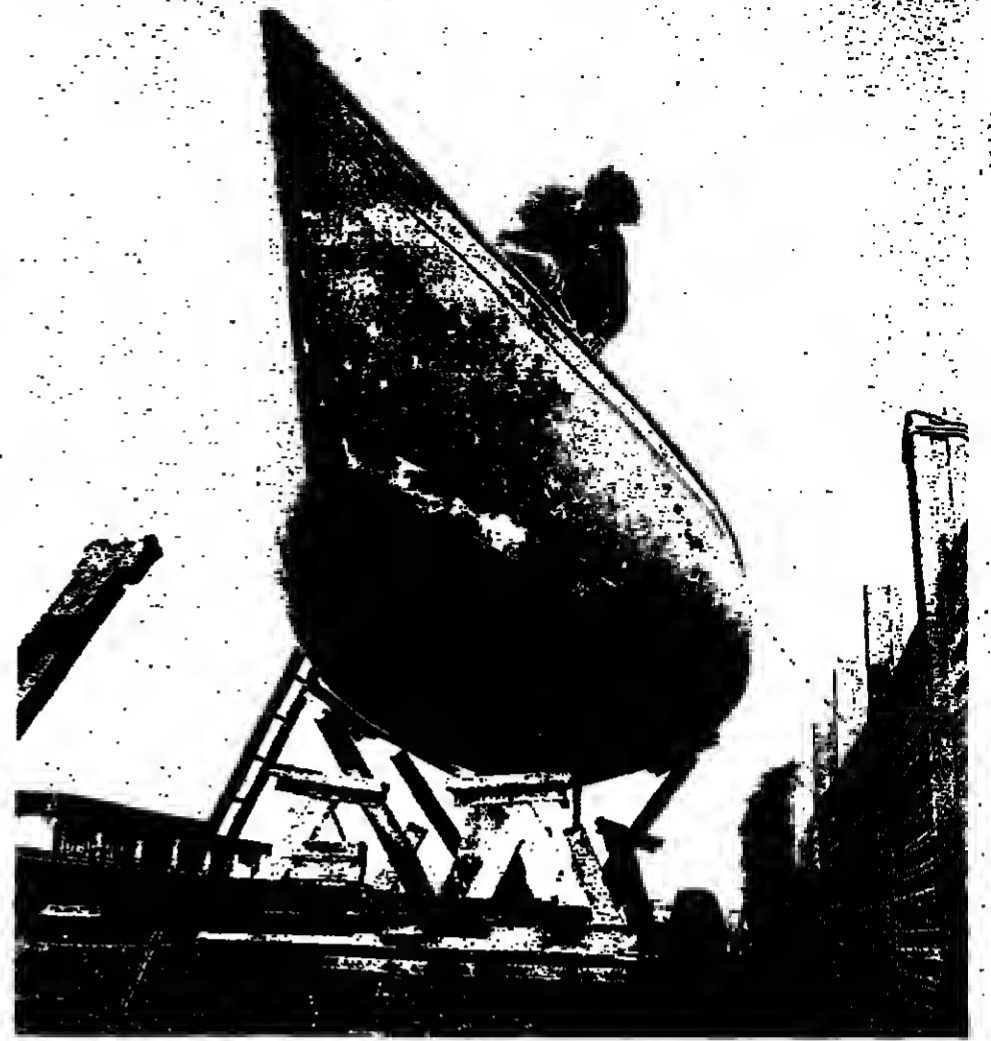
Cocos Islands. From Darwin he will sail through the Arafura Sea to Port Moresby, New Guinea. This tropical north coast of Australia is known for one of the most savage creatures in the sea. Not sharks, but huge saltwater crocodiles that often exceed 20 feet in length. These monsters even attack large sharks and boats!

One of the places he is looking forward to visiting is the Islands of Micronesia. The most hazardous part of the trip will probably be the stretch between the Seychelles and Darwin because of pirates and unpredictable weather.

One of the main problems that most voyagers experience during this sort of trip is that of being confined in tight quarters for a long time. For this reason, Chris will be very selective about choosing his traveling companion. Conflicting personalities on such a trip will be disastrous. In reflecting on the experiences of other open water sailors, he points out that few people have the required character to hold up under the often very strenuous situations.

The basic expenses for the trip should be quite low since the wind will be the main source of power. The boat is equipped with a small inboard diesel motor that will only be used occasionally for maneuvering in tight spots and for emergencies. During the trip his diet will consist mostly of fish, fresh fruit and plenty of vitamin C. He plans to spend his time during the voyage by reading. Like any good captain he will keep a daily log.

Chris is also thinking of making a film on his adventure.



PREPARATION: Chris Weigmann makes last minute preparation on his 27 feet boat.

Japanese way of handling criminals

By Donald Kirk

TOKYO, (ONS) — Japanese police, believing that "confession is the king of evidence," obtained the confessions needed for World War II by beatings. Today, the police and prosecutors still obtain confessions in 86 per cent of the cases that go on trial even though they never resort to more than extremely tough investigations and interrogations. The conviction rate, however, is a startling 99.7 per cent — "the highest in the world," say Ministry of Justice officials.

How do they do it? The answer, on the basis of interviews with prosecutors, judges and criminal attorneys, lies, not only in the additional thoroughness of the police but in a complex array of laws that give the prosecutor every advantage. "In the legal sense a suspect is presumed innocent before he is tried, just as in the West," said Chinchichi Tsuchiya, chief counsellor at the Ministry of Justice. "But many people believe a man is guilty when he comes to trial so there is less opportunity to be acquitted."



ESCORT: Tokyo police officers escorting a criminal from the airport.

The chance of acquittal seems very remote from the viewpoint of a citizen of a Western nation imbued in Anglo-Saxon law: Japan did away with its jury system in 1943 after having experimented with the concept of trial by jury for some 40 years.

Understandably enough, few Japanese in those days relished the thought of sitting on a jury for fear of offending the sensitivities of the prosecutors and the judges, both of whom were employees of the Ministry of Justice. Judges under the post-war constitution now serve under the independent aegis of the Supreme Court, but no one has thought seriously of reviving the system.

"The people believe that professional judges are more suitable to decide the cases," said Tsuchiya, reflecting the non-questioning attitude of the vast majority of his countrymen toward legal authority. One major advantage, he added, is that judges can review written evidence instead of listening to witnesses, who in any case sometimes go back on the statements they signed under questioning by the police and prosecutors.

Indeed, the power of written evidence is one major factor that distinguishes trials here from those in the United States and Britain, where witnesses must be present to answer

questions in court.

"In Japan the written evidence has a big role," acknowledged Akio Harada, counsellor of the Justice Ministry's international department. "It's common for witnesses to testify quite differently in court," he said. "The court can accept the statement to the prosecutor, who gathers all the statements he can to support the case." Even if a witness later refused to testify, died or disappeared, said Harada, his statement would still be acceptable to the court.

Under Japanese law, the police and prosecutors have one enormous advantage that makes them the envy of their colleagues in the West — they can hold a suspect without bail for up to 23 days before the prosecutor finally decides he has enough evidence to present an indictment. Prosecutors claim they do not "indict" until they are virtually sure of winning their cases, but the thought of spending even a few days in jail without charges is enough to compel most people to tell all they know.

Inevitably, the targets of this kind of investigation differ from authorities in their view of the suffering they endure. "It's complete hell, a real introduction to life in Japan," said a foreigner who was held for 18 days before

the prosecutor decided there was not enough evidence for indictment. "they interrupt your sleep, keep your lights on, try to frighten you."

Another foreigner, who was subsequently tried, found guilty and given a suspended sentence, said he was shoved into a tiny cell with several gangsters, fed on rice and water and bound with ropes whenever he was led out of the cell for interrogation. "They try to break you down," he said. "The idea is to make you repeat, feel guilty and respect them."

But, Judge Fumio Arai, now serving as director of judicial research, said that a court would find a defendant not guilty if he had had to undergo such treatment. "Involuntary confession is not admissible under the Japanese constitution," he added, admitting that, "of course, there is struggle between the investigator and the defendant, and the defendant's position very weak."

Was there ever a chance that investigators violated human rights? "I believe there never is invasion of human rights," Arai said. "It is a big problem to arrange harmony between human rights and social order. I believe the Japanese people are satisfied with the present system."

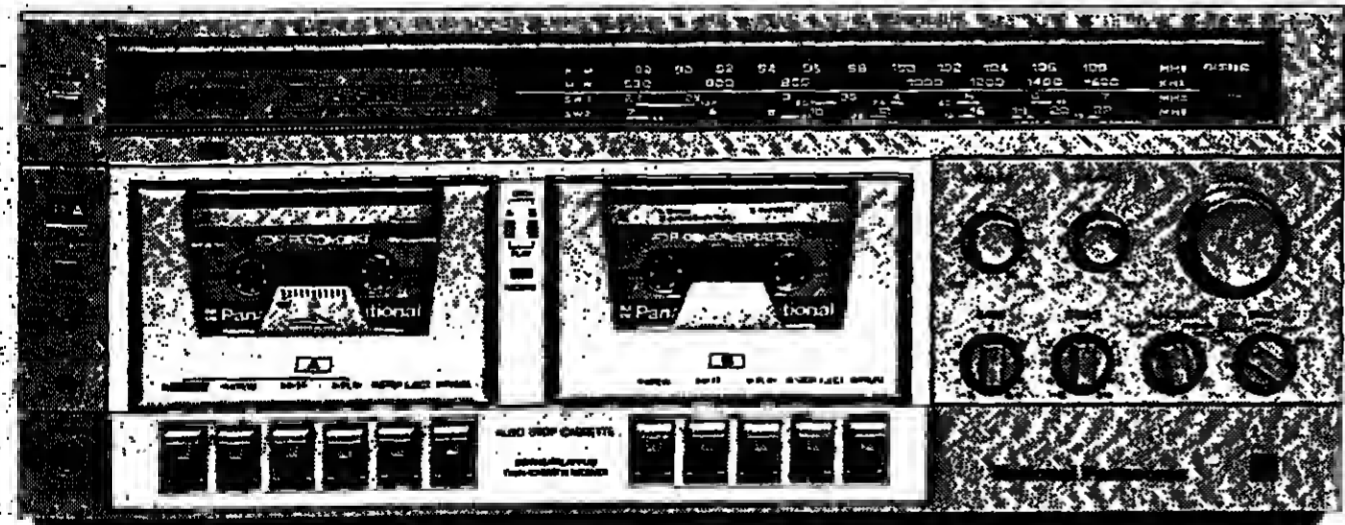
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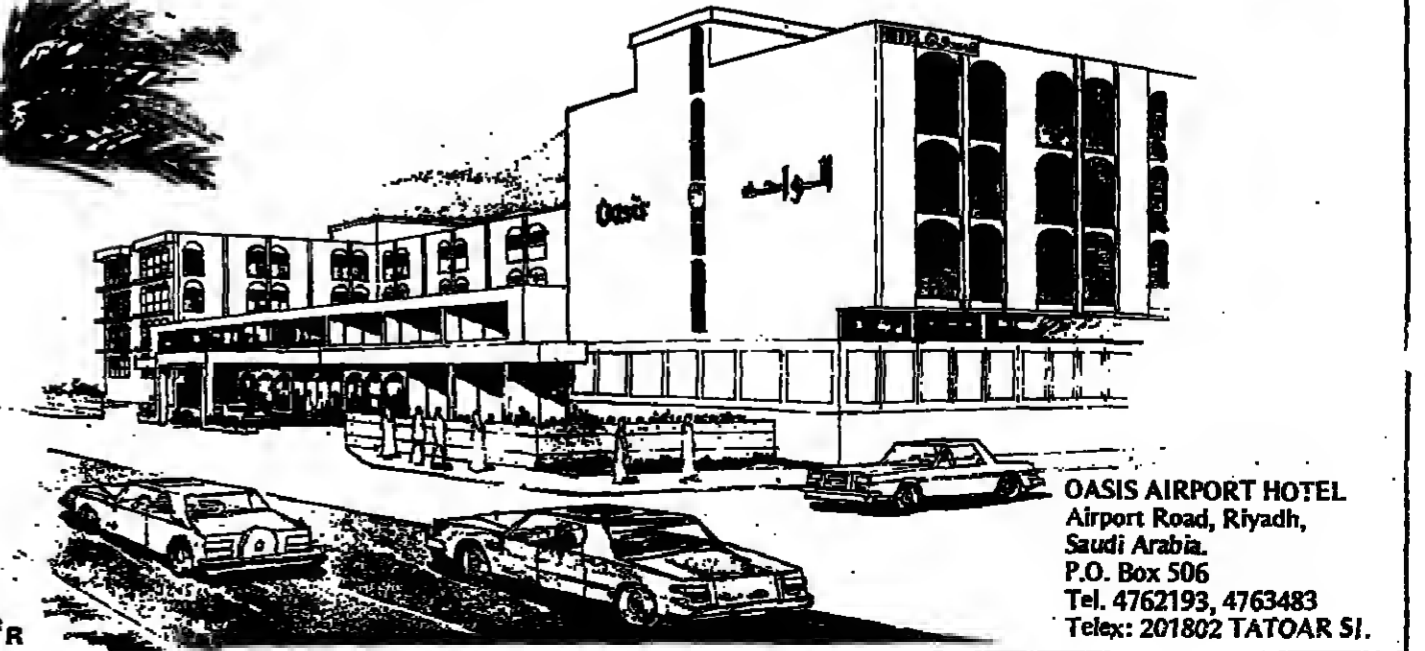
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Spanish communism in crisis

By William Cerny-Jones

MADRID —

The Spanish Communist Party and the future of Eurocommunism are in a state of crisis. The Sarajevo of Spanish communism began in Barcelona on Jan. 5 when the Unified Socialist Party of Catalonia (PSUC) — in fact the Catalan Communist Party — at their fifth congress rejected Eurocommunism and adopted a so-called pro-Soviet line.

At their dramatic three-day meeting the Catalan Communists approved by 424 to 389, with 21 abstentions, a motion dropping Eurocommunism, and called for a referendum to decide on Spain's joining the European Economic Community, self-determination and a federal republic of Catalonia, a ban on all United States military bases in Spain, and the recognition of the USSR as the leading country in the international socialist movement.

The newly-elected secretary-general of the PSUC is Francisco Frutos, a Leninist, and probably not strongly pro-Moscow or even anti-Eurocommunist. He is a 42-year-old union leader prominent in the Communist Commissions Obreras (workers commission), Spain's biggest trade union, who worked for the party underground during the Franco regime.

Santiago Carrillo, secretary-general of the Spanish Communist Party (PCE), spent most of the Franco years in exile in France, but he came to Spain clandestinely before the death of Franco and his personal courage has never been doubted. He is a middle-class intellectual, and therefore somewhat distrusted by the grass roots workers in his party. It is believed that the PSUC congress in Barcelona was a direct attack, not so much on the principle of Eurocommunism as on Carrillo himself.

Another outspoken critic of Carrillo is Ramon Tamames, a wealthy member of the intelligentsia. Tamames alleges that although Carrillo is a democratic Communist who sincerely believes in his Eurocommunist ideology and independence from Kremlin dictatorship, he is at the same time an autocrat within his own party. Tamames would like to see a more liberal structure within the party, with no single party boss.

'A double dose of harassment' for blacks

By Patrick Laurence

JOHANNESBURG —

South Africa's whites have reacted with a mixture of anger, apprehension and acquiescence to the prospect of having their fingerprints taken and recorded at a central register and of having to produce an identity document on demand, an experience which their black compatriots have endured for decades.

A draft law for the compulsory finger-printing of all South Africans was published recently by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Chris Heunis, who justified it as a necessary counter-measure to the "total onslaught" against the country.

Most whites who resigned themselves to the plan did so in a spirit of big-brother-knows-best. For years, but with increasing urgency since P. W. Botha became prime minister in 1978, whites have been warned of the total assault against their "freedom" by international communism. Another reason behind the whites' acceptance was the belief that it would eliminate one of the cruder forms of race discrimination here and make government race policy easier to defend and perhaps even less objectionable to blacks.

Blacks are already compelled by law to have their fingerprints taken at the age of 16, when reference or "pass" books are issued to them as part of the complex net of laws used to control their movements from cradle to grave.

But closer analysis of the proposed new identity document shows that it would not, says veteran opposition MP Helen Suzman, result in "doing away with discrimination by making all races subject to the same indignities."

Blacks, it transpires, will be given the same identity document but will still be subject to the Influx Control Laws (which do not affect the non-black minorities). They will either have to carry a separate identity form providing their right to be in restricted urban areas or their new "standard" identity documents will contain special entries.

So, blacks will be subject to both the new controls and the old Influx Control Laws, which have recently been tightened to include new maximum penalties of up to \$389 for blacks entering restricted urban areas and heavy penalties of up to \$776 for their urban kinsmen who harbor them. It is in that context that the assessment of Bishop Desmond Tutu of the SA Council of Churches and Chief Gatscha Buthezi of Inkatha should be seen. Tutu said: "These documents mean we blacks will have a double dose of harassment."

Buthezi added: "If influx control is entrenched it could precipitate violent confrontations."



The Third Islamic Summit (I)

An event to shape world history

(Editor's note: Following is the first of a seven-part series on the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Taif from Jan. 25 to 28).

By A Special Correspondent

JEDDAH —

An historic event has just concluded in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with the gathering of kings and heads of state of member countries of the Organization of the Islamic Conference at their third summit held in the summer resort of Taif from Jan. 25 to 28. The summit was inaugurated inside the Haram in Mecca — the first time that so many Muslim leaders had assembled en masse to pray at the Holy Kaaba — which made it a unique occasion. The working sessions held in Taif over the next three days and the important results achieved at these discussions are, however, likely to have far reaching effects not only within the Islamic world but also in shaping future developments globally. It is for this reason that this historic event has drawn great interest not only in the Muslim world but the whole world over.

The Charter of the OIC calls for periodic holding of consultations at the summit level and this meeting was thus eagerly awaited to enable the Muslim leaders to have a frank and free exchange of views at the highest forum since their last gathering in Lahore, Pakistan in February, 1974. The third summit was also symbolic, convened at the beginning of the 15th Century Hijra before the House of God, and held at a time when the Islamic states are demonstrating growing signs of resurgence and asserting to play a more active role in international relations. Hence the summit was of added significance.

Present were leaders of 37 Islamic states and the Palestine Liberation Organization which enjoys the status of a full member in the OIC. Almost all countries participating were represented at the highest level. Only Iran and Libya chose to stay away while Egypt and Afghanistan whose membership of the OIC is currently under suspension were not invited. The absence of these countries, according to observers, did not digress the spirit of fratern-

ity and consensus that marked the proceedings from the first day when Muslim leaders started arriving at Taif airport to an immaculately arranged reception by King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd. The host government had made elaborate arrangements for the meeting including a brand new conference center with the most modern equipment to service it and specially constructed villas for the heads of delegations and their entourages.

Business was the order of the day as the leaders huddled down to an informal exchange of views even before the formal sessions started. This was understandable as the meeting had some thorny subjects before it, notably the Middle East and Afghanistan issues. Speculation of Iranian participation and discussion of the Iran-Iraq dispute had also to be contended with.

Besides the member states of the OIC, the summit was attended by a number of observers and guests. Nigeria and the Turkish federated state of Kibris were represented as observers, as were such bodies as the Rabita e Alam e Islami, Motamar Alam e Islami, Islamic Council of Europe, World Assembly of Muslim Youth, Islamic Banks Association, Islamic Development Bank and specialized agencies of the OIC, Organization of African Unity, Arab League and others.

The Secretary General of the United Nations, Kurt Waldheim was one of the guests, the first time that a U.N. chief participated in and addressed an OIC forum.

The Kingdom as host was elected chairman of the summit as per tradition and Bangladesh, Guinea and PLO served as vice chairmen. The summit was inaugurated by King Khalid and the other sessions chaired by Crown Prince Fahd on his behalf. Prince Fahd's opening statement to the summit, according to informed sources, was a key document which set the tone for the discussions. The crown prince spoke of the importance of this summit, how it had drawn the expectations of millions of Muslims the world over, and that it was imperative to realize for

the Muslims their expectation of a better future and more honorable life. He recalled that the late King Abdul Aziz had called all Muslims for a meeting held in Mecca in 1344H (1926) with the aim of unifying Muslim ranks and to work for the ascendancy of Islam. Later, King Faisal reached the banner of Islamic solidarity in his far reaching call which came out of ardent faith and insight. The crown prince assured that the Kingdom will continue to extend every help in the service of the Muslims, their unity and their integrity.

Fahd also referred to some of the important items on the agenda for the summit such as Jerusalem, the Middle East, Afghanistan and the conditions of Muslim minorities. He noted with anguish the rifts and disputes in some Islamic states and made an appeal to Iran and Iraq to end their conflict.

The crown prince then referred to economic cooperation between OIC states and called for its consolidation. He observed that the economic and social development in the Islamic world "is in need of powerful and dynamic propulsions on all fronts." He proposed that the financially capable member states should allocate a sum of not less than \$3,000 million to promote development programs in the Islamic world. He declared that the Kingdom would lead the way by subscribing \$1,000 million to this fund.

He went on to urge the strengthening of the Islamic Development Bank and called for an increase in the bank's paid-up capital to enable it to play a more effective role in the economic development of OIC member states.

After the opening session, the summit spanned over several working sessions including two in camera to take up the various subjects inscribed on the agenda. The relevant resolutions had earlier been worked out at the preparatory meeting of the foreign ministers held from Jan. 17 to 22 also in Taif. These resolutions pertain to political matters, economic and financial issues, and cultural and Islamic solidarity affairs and deserve close attention. Besides, the summit also unanimously adopted the Mecca Declaration (text of which appeared in Arab News on Jan. 31).

(To Be Continued)

Letters to the editor

Dear sir,
We Muslims of Swaziland are looking for sponsors who can send Swazi children to study the Holy Quran so that in the near future we could be able to establish an Islamic institute with well-trained scholars.

We appeal to any Muslim to help as bring up Islam in our country. Many brothers are well prepared to give their children, but there are no sponsors.

Abdul Rahman Khumalo
B.O. Box 134,
Bulembu,
Swaziland

Dear sir,
Despite of my sincere search, I still could not find a convincing answer as to what does it mean when we read in the newspapers "nonaligned countries" Is India nonaligned? Is Cuba nonaligned? I hate double-faced people who must feel ashamed of their support of the naked aggression of Russians against poor and innocent Afghans.

History never forgave any, I wonder if Mr. Brezhnev will bring the same fate to Russia which Hitler brought to Germany. I can only offer sympathy to poor Russians who are living under terror and cannot utter a single word that their country is heading toward destruction.

Jawa-Al-Bakar,
P.O. Box 1451,
Jeddah



Ah, this cold war! Al Riyadhi

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Monday mostly led with the press statement on the visit of Dutch Foreign Minister Van der Klauuw to the Kingdom, highlighting its stress on the Soviet Union's unconditional withdrawal from Afghanistan and the restoration of the Palestinian rights. The statement further expressed satisfaction with the development of bilateral relations. *Okaz*, carried as its lead story United States Secretary of State Alexander Haig's reaffirmation that the U.S. would not renounce the Camp David accords. In a lead story, *Al-Jazirah* quoted Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani minister of petroleum and mineral resources, as saying the Kingdom has a long-term strategy in the field of energy. The Kuwaiti news reports about an invitation from Sheikh Saad Abdullah, Kuwaiti heir-apparent and prime minister, to Crown Prince Fahd to pay a visit to Kuwait formed the lead story in *Al-Madina* newspaper.

In a front-page story *Al-Riyadh* and *Al-Yom* said the French government has confirmed the supply of the first installment of Mirage-60 warplanes to Iraq. Newspapers gave page one coverage to Iran's decision to break its diplomatic relations with Jordan and Morocco for their alleged support for Iraq.

Newspaper editorials continued to comment on King Khalid's message to U.S. President Reagan, in which he urged the U.S. to carry out its role in putting an end to the Zionist assaults on the Arab and Islamic nation. In this context, *Okaz* noted that all powers, including the U.S., would do well to define the nature of dealing with the Middle East

crisis on a just basis. The prevailing situation in the Middle East necessitates essential shifts in the nature and trend of international contribution toward the solution of the region's crisis, said the paper, adding that stances must be adopted on the basis of realization of a just peace as well as the restoration of Palestinian rights and the sacred shrines including Jerusalem.

Al-Nadwa observed that the summit conference and then the King's message to the U.S. president have provided scope for clear and open dealing with the new U.S. administration. Referring to Reagan's reaffirmation of his country's keenness on the objectives of peace, justice and progress, the paper said the U.S. ought to give weight to the stances of more than 40 Islamic states which represent nearly one quarter of the world's total population. It advised the U.S. administration to avoid any confrontation with the Arab and Islamic nation, which has lost all its patience owing to the delay tactics of the U.S. and its capitulation to Zionist pressures.

In an editorial on the Dutch foreign minister's visit, *Al-Yom* noted that Saudi Arabia's diplomatic efforts toward the Islamic issues continued during the visit of the Dutch minister whose country is expected to lead the European bloc shortly. It added that Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal took the opportunity to tell his Dutch counterpart that Saudi Arabia would never accept any alternative to the restoration of Palestinian rights and the return of Jerusalem to the Arab and Islamic fold. He also reiterated that an unconditional evacuation

of the Soviet forces from Afghanistan was most necessary, in order to provide Muslims of Afghanistan the opportunity to choose their own rule without any alien pressure or interference.

Al-Bilad hailed the successful end of the Islamic summit conference and commended the unanimity of Muslim leaders on the issues of the Islamic nation. The conference had demonstrated the spirit of Islamic brotherhood in its true sense, as it was not influenced by any marginal differences, the paper said.

Discussing the reactions on the summit resolution, *Al-Madina* noted that the resolutions filled the whole Islamic world with pride and dignity and inspired a hope for the realization of the cherished goal of Islamic solidarity. It added that the West received the resolutions with caution, apparently unhappy over the Islamic love and cordiality, but the Communist world showed its usual animosity toward the Islamic nation. Their reaction was almost a foregone conclusion, but what struck most was the rising confidence in Islamic sentiments, the paper said.

On the other hand, *Al-Riyadh* dwelled on rapprochement among the Arab states of the Gulf and said that the points of their unity and strategy on crucial issues outnumbered the points of their disagreements. The paper reiterated that the leaders of the region were determined to set aside any narrow interests that might come in the way of their service to the common issues of their peoples.

Parties' standards deteriorate

Indian politicians lose people's respect and faith

By Tyler Marshall

NEW DELHI, (LAT) — In December 1978, two young Indians hijacked an airliner and demanded the release of Mrs. Indira Gandhi, who was then jailed for contempt of Parliament.

Today, both of the hijackers, Devendra Pande and Bhola Pande, not related, are members of the legislature in Uttar Pradesh, India's largest state. They were elected last June as candidates of Gandhi's Congress-I Party.

This transformation from hijacker to lawmaker is just one example of what a growing number of Indian intellectuals views as a disturbing decline in the quality of the country's politicians, and its political parties in recent years.

The problem exists at the highest levels, not only in the Central Government but in the State Government as well.

K.C. Khanna of the Times of India, wrote recently that most cabinet ministers were nitwits, both at the national level and in the state governments dominated by Gandhi's Party.

Increasingly, personalities dominate the issues. The whims of party leaders prevail over professed ideologies, and party loyalty is abandoned even by senior political figures in order that they may remain in power. And there is growing evidence that many parties are gradually losing contact with the people they purport to serve.

The combination of those factors has served to erode the quality and legitimacy of the political process and to weaken the democratic system, intellectuals believe. Political commentators cite the inability of parties to absorb the demands of emerging interest groups into the political system as a contributing factor in a growing law-and-order problem.

As the parties' standards have deteriorated, so has the quality of the men and women entering politics.

While the number of Indians going to colleges has tripled in the last two decades, the percentage of graduates in Parliament has dropped from 46 per cent to 32 per cent, according to a recent survey. That decline in the quality of India's elected representatives, coupled with diminished respect for basic democratic institutions, has also weakened the judiciary, the press, the bureaucracy and law-enforcement bodies.

To an increasing extent, the parties exist to dispense power. Party leaders have become autocratic, showing little desire to build a grass-roots structure or attract new talent.

Only the Communists, whose strength is limited to three of India's 22 states, have conducted consistent election campaigns in recent years. Only the Communists and a North Indian party known as the Bharatiya Janata, headed by former Foreign Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, pay attention to grass-roots organizing.

"The parties have become insulated from the rank and file, are slow in their response to popular needs and feelings and, as a consequence, are insensitive to issues that matter," according to a Bombay lawyer and social critic, A.G. Nonrani.

Unlike American political parties, which fade into the political background except during election campaigns, India's parties have traditionally played a consistently active role. "We have no lobbies or interest groups linking the electorate with those in power," said Rajni Kothari, Director of the Center for the Study of Developing Societies. "We rely on parties to do that between elections." It is a function the parties fail to perform today.

India's politicians, increasingly out of touch with the voters, are often unaware of major issues until they explode into full-

blown crises.

For example, the 14-month-old campaign of mass civil disobedience in India's north-eastern state of Assam, where people are demanding the expulsion of millions of illegal immigrants, has been spearheaded by student organizations not affiliated with any of the country's major political parties.

"In Assam, all major parties are discredited," an Assamese journalist here said. Mass protests in a number of states, by middle class farmers demanding higher government support prices for their products, also caught major parties unawares. In Maharashtra state, the protest leader, Sharad Joshi, publicly rejected efforts by opposition parties to join his movement. He said he believed that their negative image would discredit him.

"If the parties could do it, I wouldn't have to take on this effort," Joshi said.

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Rebuffed, politicians were forced to launch a belated parallel movement that has been widely viewed as little more than an attempt to discredit the Gandhi Government.

The growing isolation of the political parties has been described by some people as part of a general dilution of democratic tradition among those who hold power.

"Power in India has passed from an enlightened few who ruled the country at independence in 1943 to a far broader cross-section of society which has never experienced these democratic values," said Satya Sahay, editor of the Statesman.

The western notion of the individual's responsibility to society, the foundation of democracy has not taken hold with India's new political elite. The sanctity of basic institutions is considered unimportant.

Members of Parliament publicly criticize Supreme Court decisions and are quick to engineer demeaning transfers for bureau-

rats who displease them.

"At election time, no one talks of equality, democratic values or party loyalty," Sahay said. "The appeal is to caste or other parochial ties. There are many members of Parliament who don't believe in the institution, but they understand the power and privilege it begets."

Maintaining that power has become the primary concern for a growing number of today's politicians, at both state and national levels. Defecting from a party on the decline to join a party on the rise is a common practice. It reached epidemic proportions when the Janata Government collapsed in 1979 and Mrs. Indira Gandhi was returned as prime minister.

The career of H.N. Bahuguna provides an example. He held two cabinet posts and ran the state of Uttar Pradesh as a member of the Gandhi party before defecting to the Janata



Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi

for power better than she has.

She has used it to dismantle the Congress Party that was dominant in the era of her father, Jawaharlal Nehru, and in its place she has established the Congress-I Party (the I stands for Indira), an organization whose life is synonymous with her own, whose ideology rarely reaches beyond her personal charisma.

After cleansing the party of potential rivals, she neglected the interlocking network of local committees, which traditionally passed ideas and new blood upwards through the system. This network has now ceased to function.

All those defections have eroded the party system's legitimacy and seriously discredited politicians.

According to those who have followed Gandhi's career, few of India's political leaders have understood and exploited this desire

for power better than she has. She has used it to dismantle the Congress Party that was dominant in the era of her father, Jawaharlal Nehru, and in its place she has established the Congress-I Party (the I stands for Indira), an organization whose life is synonymous with her own, whose ideology rarely reaches beyond her personal charisma.

Today, power within the party is concentrated within a small inner circle. Prior to Sanjay's death last June, the two were said to divide power equally. Many key decisions were said to be made over breakfast. Now the sycophants surrounding the prime minister are pressuring her other son, Rajiv, to assume his brother's role. Rajiv, a pilot with Indian Airlines, views the people who surround his mother with contempt.

"When she became prime minister initially (in 1967), she was the first among equals,

now she is a giant among dwarfs," a respected political commentator, George Verghese, said recently.

A Gandhi party member and Bihar Chief Minister, Jagannath Misra, put it this way: "In the nation and the party, except Mrs. Gandhi, nobody has anything. She is the main powerhouse. Everybody in the party derives strength from her."

With loyalty rather than ability increasingly a prerequisite for party candidates and senior appointments, the quality of those serving has fallen to sometimes bizarre levels.

Besides the hijackers-cum-legislators in Uttar Pradesh, known criminals serve in the Bihar state Assembly, while in Madhya Pradesh State the parties recruited some of India's most notorious bandits to campaign for their candidates. Some now talk of running for office themselves.

"As in any country, there has always been contact here between certain politicians and criminal elements," Kothari said. "But the criminals always stayed criminals and the politicians, politicians. Now the criminals are becoming politicians."

Many intellectuals fear that Gandhi may meet the growing law-and-order challenge with authoritarian measures reminiscent of her 1975 state of emergency. Others fear there will be a steady erosion of respect for authority through a continuing use of force.

While Kothari and other Indian intellectuals believe that the decline in effectiveness of India's political parties has had a weakening effect on the country, they believe that India's political system is still basically intact.

Despite the declining image of politicians, they say, the country's senior party leaders still derive their power from their ability to attract votes.

"Inertia remains a stronger force than instability," Verghese said.

Still, for the first time since independence, India's system of parliamentary democracy has itself become an issue. Some people, including many from Gandhi's party, have advocated a switch to a more centralized presidential system of government. Others believe that any such centralization of power would be dangerous, though they admit that the existing system is faltering.

They believe that unless alternations are made in the near future, irreparable harm may be done.



Bharatiya Janata Party president Atal Behari Vajpayee.

Shortage of women

Hong Kong males seek brides elsewhere

HONG KONG, (ONS) — A would-be bridegroom in Hong Kong paid \$6,000 to the family of a girl he wanted to marry in China. Another Hong Kong resident paid \$2,800 to a middleman to arrange for a Thai girl to marry him.

These are two recent examples of the effect of Hong Kong's shortage of women: in their search for wives, many men have to look outside the colony.

The vast majority look to China, where their relatives can act as middlemen. About 10,000 people, nearly all of them men, applied last year to Hong Kong's immigration department for an "absence of marriage" certificate, which is needed in China to prove they are not already married. This is 10 times the figure of three years ago.

Most would-be bridegrooms are in their thirties or early forties, of low income, and live in male dormitories or at their place of work. They cannot offer a bride a place of

their own and, as single men, cannot apply for public housing. Such a man is not an attractive proposition to a Hong Kong girl but is extremely desirable to women in China, especially as emigration to Hong Kong, both legal and illegal, is becoming increasingly difficult. Such a marriage offers her the prospect of getting into Hong Kong legally.

Many bride-hunters prefer their wives initially to stay in China, while they save up for a place of their own. During the last three years, travel across the border has become easier, so wives can be visited frequently and families started.

The cost of marrying in China is usually cheaper than in Hong Kong. The bride's family will certainly expect some gift from the colony, but the cost of a reception in China, often held in the village with food made by the family, is much less than in Hong Kong where the relatives will expect a full-scale

banquet as well as present. The procuring of wives from Thailand is a more complicated affair. Middlemen from Hong Kong go to Thai villages, especially in the poor north, and promise girls, often in their teens, jobs here at 10 times their present salary. They enter Hong Kong on a tourist visa; after it expires, they are at the mercy of a matchmaker. The Thai Consulate in Hong Kong said it had helped more than 300 stranded girls return home in the past few years, and a Bangkok paper has put the figure at 3,000.

The economic disparity between Hong Kong and China has led to increased opportunities for marital exploitation, says the acting director of Hong Kong's Family Planning Association. Girls visiting the association have described being assaulted while waiting to cross the border. After crossing, some fell into the hands of gangsters who abused them. Their illegal entry gave them no legal protection.

East Germany dissidents face crackdown

By Werner Kastor

EAST BERLIN, (ONS) — Charges under a new clause in East Germany's criminal code are expected to be brought shortly against dissident writers who have published in the West without official permission.

Previous offenders have been treated as having broken the currency regulations but the new clause is likely to be applied to three young East German writers accused of contacting an organization (a West German publisher) which is hostile to the German Democratic Republic.

Thomas Erwin, Lutz Rathenow and a signer-writer Winkler were imprisoned last November. Winkler and Erwin are still in police custody. Rathenow is now awaiting trial, after having been released ten days after the police had raided his flat and detained him.

A fourth dissident author, Frank Wolf

Matthies, held at the same time, was also released and left for West Berlin with his family last week.

Matthies and Rathenow were only released after protests by leading East German authors to the Ministry of the Interior. Hermann Kant, a well-known writer in East and West Germany and president of the East German Writers Association, told newsmen he was responsible for Rathenow's and Matthies' release. His claim was, however, doubted considering his hardline views on publishing in the West without official permission.

In an open letter to the head of East Germany's secret police Erich Mielke, Matthies protested not only against his own harassment by the authorities but also against the treatment of his family and friends following his imprisonment. Two writers, Heide Haerdt and Gert Neumann, are threatened with criminal prosecution because of their friendship with Matthies.

Winkler and Erwin are still being held while the prosecution prepare further charges. They may also be accused of slandering the State. Erwin has also annoyed the authorities by refusing to serve in the army. Although bad health gave him an acceptable excuse, the Government wanted him to serve as a volunteer to prove his political commitment.

His refusal meant he was barred from university. Erwin then committed an even greater sin by becoming one of Robert Havemann's friends. Havemann, a Sacharov-like figure in East Germany, has always encouraged young people to speak their mind and is highly respected among intellectual dissidents.

Rathenow, unlike Matthies, did not go along with the authorities' offer to leave for West Germany. It would have been a quiet end to a messy case, but Rathenow has chosen to face the trial.

Dallah Afco Contest advertisement for fine arts and graphic. Includes contest prizes table, terms of the contest, and a partnership form for artists.

Zhao back home

China scales down aid to rebels

BANGKOK, Feb. 2 (Agencies) — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang wound up his first overseas tour Monday after signaling Peking's sensitivity to the concerns of regional non-Communist states. Zhao, who flew after an eight-day visit to Burma and Thailand, indicated in his statements here that China was responding to at least two major irritants.

First, he told a news conference Sunday, China would try to ensure that its historic relations with banned Communist parties did not affect relations with central governments. "We don't believe that revolution can be exported," he said in a clear gesture to the non-Communist Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), which groups Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines and Indonesia. "Relations between the Communist Party of China and the Communist parties of southeast Asia are of basic ideological and moral nature," Zhao said.

He added that China opposed any intervention in the internal affairs of a sovereign state and was committed to strengthening relations with ASEAN. "We would like to

see these countries have unity and security," he said.

With the exception of Singapore, regional non-Communist states — Burma included — have been battling pro-Peking jungle insurgencies for decades. Peking is widely reported to have scaled down military backing for the rebels as part of its present emphasis on winning friends to help bleed pro-Soviet Vietnam.

While ASEAN states would obviously prefer a complete disavowal of the insurgents, they are generally sensitive to the argument that any sudden cut-off would create a power vacuum that Moscow would hurry to fill. Thai Foreign Minister Sithi Sawetasa immediately hailed Zhao's assurances, telling reporters it was the first time the Chinese government had made "such a clear public statement."

ASEAN diplomats were also generally impressed with the second apparent Chinese gesture toward them, a clearly stated willingness to accept new leadership of Kampuchea's ousted Khmer Rouge regime.



MAKING A POINT: Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang addresses a press conference at Bangkok Monday before concluding his three-day visit to Thailand.

ASEAN has been wanting a move away from those most closely associated with the brutal policies of former Premier Pol Pot, who continues to head the only credible anti-Vietnamese fighting force, but whose hoodlumed image has hindered ASEAN diplomacy.

While Peking had earlier stressed the importance of combining all resistance groups, analysts said Zhao's formulation here was succinct and in line with what ASEAN wanted. Zhao told the news conference China supported any move to transfer the Khmer Rouge mantle to either former Cambodian head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk or onetime Prime Minister Son Sann, head of the largest non-Communist rebel group.

Meanwhile, the Bangkok *Post* reported Monday that a shakeup is imminent in the leadership of Kampuchea's ousted Khmer Rouge administration. Diplomatic sources could not immediately confirm the report, which said that the Peking-backed government's Prime Minister Khieu Samphan and military commander Pol Pot would be replaced by Soo Sann, leader of Kampuchea's main non-Communist resistance movement.

The Khmer Rouge leaders, whose four-year rule in Kampuchea was marked by reports of widespread atrocities, might exile themselves in China, *Post* quoted informed sources as saying. About 200,000 Vietnamese troops have been stationed in Kampuchea since the overthrow of the Khmer Rouge two years ago and its replacement in Pnom Penh with an administration supported by Vietnam and the Soviet Union.

In India

New controversy crops up on Gandhi film shooting

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2 (AP) — How many people watched and participated in Saturday's filming of the funeral procession of the late Mohandas Karamchand (Mahatma) Gandhi? The answer, of course, depends on who you ask.

Indian newspapers — which have often criticized the making of the movie since it was announced several months ago — rounded off the crowd at some 20,000, including actors. "Outrageous," fumed British producer-director Sir Richard Attenborough.

The controversy might have cropped up from the government's announcement that 3,000 policemen would be on hand to control the crowd. Since there were easily some 2,000 costumed actors for the march down the Rajpath (royal road) from near the presidential palace in India Gate — most newspapers in the capital which made a total estimate put the entire gathering at about 20,000.

"They (newspapers) are saying from 3,000 up to 20,000 (people were present). That is simply inaccurate," Attenborough told the Associated Press. "They are quoting police sources. Well, we have got police sources too. Three top police officials told me there were more than 200,000 there... It is unfair and simply outrageous," Attenborough said. A spokesman for Attenborough's Indo-British film company said flatly: "We bussed in 92,500 people."

The crowd stretched along both sides of the three-kilometer lone boulevard between the palace and the salmon-colored war memorial, and to the cupola, where a

statue of Britain's King George V had been reinserted to give New Delhi the look it had in 1948 when the Indian independence leader was felled by a Hindu fanatic's bullet. Some of the crowd came early, and some left before the procession reached them. However, independent pictures taken from atop the approximately 45-meter India Gate later showed a peak crowd of some 50,000 people, including spectators and participants.

Whatever the actual figure, Attenborough said: "It was simply marvelous. It was better than we had hoped for. There were enough people there that we were able to concentrate on closeup shots of the leading characters, such as (Gandhi associates) Jawaharlal Nehru and Vallabhbhai Patel."

The actual figure also is moot — because the crowd that watched the re-enactment Saturday is not the crowd that will appear in the film when it debuts in about a year. Attenborough had two cameras atop India Gate Jan. 26 to film India's biggest celebration, the Republic Day parade, when perhaps a quarter of a million people jammed Rajpath. The same cameras shot the procession Saturday. Through a bit of darkroom magic, Monday's crowd and Saturday's procession will be married. Only the immediate mob of actors around the bier will appear in the three-minute segment at the opening of the movie.

Attenborough and the Indian press have clashed before over the film, titled simply "Gandhi." Reporters roasted the actor-turned producer two months ago when the main cast of the film was announced at a news conference.

70 Indonesian ship survivors found on island

JAKARTA, Feb. 2 (AP) — Seventy more survivors from the Indonesian passenger ship *Tampomas II* have been found on an island near South Sulawesi, bringing the total number of survivors from the sinking in the Java Sea last Tuesday to 757, officials of the government shipping line said Monday. The official toll is now 143 dead and 284 missing.

The search for survivors was called off Saturday night, but officials said it resumed after the 70 survivors were found. They said two helicopters brought them from the island to Ujung Pandang, the capital of south Sulawesi. The 2,420-ton inter-island passenger ship left Jakarta for Ujung Pandang Jan. 24 with a total of 1,184 people on board. It caught fire the next day and sank Jan. 27 during a storm.

Reports from Ujung Pandang said the 70 survivors landed on the island in several rubber dinghies, and most of them had life jackets on. They said they did not know how they got there. "We were prepared for death," one reportedly said. "It was all a miracle. We just crawled out of the boat and prayed and prayed."

Syafri Kalluddin, of the national news agency Antara who was among the survivors, reported that the captain of the *Tampomas*, Abdul Rivai, told him the ship was sabotaged. Vice President Adam Malik said sabotage was not possible, "but the cause of the tragedy must be investigated." An official of the shipping line said, "A team has been set up to conduct a full investigation on the tragedy." Rivai was one of the last to leave the sinking ship, survivors reported. His body was flown to Jakarta and given a hero's funeral Sunday at the national heroes' cemetery.

Youth revolt in Xinjiang quelled by troops

HONG KONG, Feb. 2 (AFP) — Police and troops had to be called in to put down a demonstration by 70,000 resettled youths in Xinjiang last November which then triggered a 10,000-strong rally the next month in Shanghai during which two leaders were arrested, a Shanghai report said Monday.

The two arrested by police during the demonstration at the People's Square in Shanghai were Ouyang Lian and Wang, Liangde, according to the report in *The Hong Kong Times*. The Shanghai demonstration followed one held Nov. 21 at Akosu, a town on the northern fringe of Tarim Basin, about 700 kms southwest of Urumchi, capital of Xinjiang.

Resettled youths in Xinjiang had converged on Akosu, near the Xinjiang-Soviet border, and occupied the agricultural reclamation bureau, chanting "Return alive to Shanghai, stay dead in Akosu." Xinjiang has one of the largest concentrations of resettled youths, including almost a million former

Red Guards from Shanghai, doing agricultural reclamation and reconstruction work. Chinese politburo member Wang Zhen, who was sent to Xinjiang to pacify the youths who wanted to be repatriated to Shanghai, had to mobilize troops and police to put down the demonstration, said the report.

During more than ten years, several million students, mostly former Red Guards, have been sent to Xinjiang for labor reform or resettlement. Ninety per cent were from the east China provinces of Jiangsu and Zhejiang and the city of Shanghai. Since China's change to a more liberal policy after the fall of the gang of Four in 1976, some of the youths have been repatriated to the cities.

A news blackout was placed on the Akosu demonstration and it was not known whether there were any arrests or casualties, the report said. Some letters however filtered through to the youths' parents in Shanghai, charging that "we have been put down." As a

result, some 3,000 youths who had come to Shanghai from Xinjiang to visit relatives massed at the People's Square with relatives of youths still in Xinjiang. About 1,000 other youths, repatriated from Xinjiang with their residency re-established in Shanghai, also attended the rally and testified to conditions in Xinjiang in support of the request for repatriation by youths still in Xinjiang, the report added.

Mao Tse-tung's nephew Mao Yuanxin who was arrested in October 1976, at the same time as the so-called Gang of Four radicals, will shortly appear before a court, *The Harbin Daily* said in its latest edition available here.

The paper described Mao Yuanxin as "a key member of the counter-revolutionary Jiang Qing clique," in phrasing used recently in the indictment against Mao Tse-tung's widow Jiang Qing who was handed down a death sentence suspended for two years last Sunday.

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Peru claims victory

Warring neighbors call for ceasefire

Peru and Ecuador called for a ceasefire Sunday after five days of skirmishing along a disputed stretch of Andean border...

mountainous area but claimed ground and air fighting was continuing for another one.

Both governments sent their foreign ministers to Washington for an emergency debate by the Organization of American States Monday on the border flareup.

Namibians attack town; offices hit

SWAPO made a similar attack on the small town of Rocana last year, hitting several buildings. In that case, however, the shells apparently were fired from Angolan territory.

Peru's objective in the fighting that began Wednesday has been to wipe out the three military posts it said Ecuador established in the area last month.

Ecuador acknowledged the loss of its larger Paquisha post, but claimed its ground and air forces were repelling the attack on PV 4.

The Peruvian government reported Saturday that its forces had driven the Ecuadorians from the third post, Mallaico, about 12 miles from Paquisha.

Each side has claimed it inflicted heavy casualties on the other, but so far Ecuador has acknowledged only two of its soldiers killed while Peru has admitted to one.

Ecuador said Sunday night that Peru's ceasefire announcement is a trick. Public Administration Minister Orlando Alcivar told reporters that Peru's announcement was just a aimed at placating Latin American public opinion which had called for peace between the two nations.

Peru had failed in its attempt to present Ecuador as the aggressor, he said. "Now it is trying to make the world and its own public opinion believe that with its objectives achieved it has ceased its war activities."

S. Africa blacks publish Sowetan

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 2 (R) — South Africa's blacks again have their own daily newspaper with the appearance Monday of the Sowetan, the former weekly companion of two black papers closed two weeks ago.

The paper is named after the huge black satellite city of Soweto near Johannesburg and in effect replaces the Post, also a daily. It had many former Post journalists on its staff.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee later accused the two papers of having become vehicles for leftwing subversion and of trying to create a climate of revolution — charges denied by acting editor Joe Latakomo and by Argus managing director Hal Miller.



PRESIDENT'S VISIT: Peruvian President Fernando Belaunde Terry (center) shows the helmet and uniform of Ecuadorian soldiers who died in border clashes with Peruvian troops. Belaunde Terry Saturday visited the disputed area.

Takeover of Times

Unions resisting Murdoch

LONDON, Feb. 2 (AP) — International press tycoon Rupert Murdoch's bid to add Britain's two most famous newspapers, The Times of London and the Sunday Times, to his empire is running into difficulties from both print unions and some journalists.

Print unions, which initially reacted favorably to Murdoch's bid for the heavily losing titles, have now signalled fierce resistance to the widespread manpower cuts and anti-strike disciplinary measures Murdoch has demanded.

While print unions entered renewed negotiations Monday in tougher mood, journalists at the Sunday Times will this week seek a court injunction aimed at having Murdoch's proposed acquisition of the Sunday Times investigated by the state-funded Monopolies Commission.

Both moves cast doubt on whether the Feb. 12 deadline for final agreement on the takeover of the two newspapers and three Times educational and literary supplements will be met.

Murdoch set the deadline when he announced Jan. 22 "conditional agreement" with the present owner, Canadian-born Lord Thomson, who said he will close if no suitable buyer is found by March.

Murdoch, with a string of U.S. and Australian newspapers, magazines and television interests, already owns Britain's two top-selling national newspapers, the Sun and the News of the World.

Print union leader Owen O'Brien said over the weekend that Murdoch was making "unrealistic demands" on manpower cuts and other cost-saving measures.

British bill dubbed ploy to bar non-whites' entry

LONDON, Feb. 2 (AP) — Britain's Conservative government has laid down new ground rules for citizenship, provoking charges that the bill is simply another ploy to keep out non-white immigrants.

Immigrant leaders, churchmen and the opposition Labor Party accuse Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of effectively making race the criterion for citizenship under a nationality bill, expected to become law by April.

The bill is new, but the racist charges and the official denials are not. The question of what it means to be British has long been sensitive for a nation which once ruled half the world, most of it peopled by Asians, Africans and West Indians.

Home Secretary William Whitelaw, during a furious House of Commons debate, described the bill as merely making citizenship "give a better idea of where people belong."

The bill's effect is to spell out to some 4.5 million British subjects, mainly Hong Kong Chinese, Malaysians and Asians, that they do not belong to Britain. It also tightens naturalization laws and stipulates for the first time that people born in Britain are not necessarily British.

The bill creates three categories of British citizens, and only the first have the right to live in Britain. These are people born in Britain of parents "normally resident," naturalized Britons, or people born abroad of a British parent or grandparent.

The second category covers some 3 million subjects in Britain's handful of remaining colonies — of whom 2.6 million are Hong Kong Chinese. They become Citizens of British Dependent Territories.

The last group, British Overseas Citizens, comprises an estimated 1.5 million persons, mainly east African Asians, Indians and anyone else who opted for British citizenship when former colonies became independent.

The bill will replace at 1983 Nationality Act, which conferred "British subject" status on a quarter of the world's population — now the people of the Commonwealth, the 43-nation association of Britain and her former colonies.

Successive administrations, both Conservative and the now protesting Laborites, have since 1961 stripped citizens of the mainly African and Asian Commonwealth and colonies of an automatic right to settle in Britain.

Subsequent stringent controls have cut non-white immigration to around 40,000 a year, mainly relatives or dependents of those already here. Half the nearly 2 million non-whites are British-born.

While Conservatives argue that they are not really doing anything new, critics charge that Mrs. Thatcher has finally wrapped immigration control into a nationality law.

According to the naturalization provisions — applicants must, in addition to the previous five years residence be of "good character" and speak English, and the "normally resident" stipulation for parents, effectively undermines the security of non-whites, the critics also complain.

"This is an immigration control bill dressed up to look like a nationality bill, and will have a deeply adverse effect on race relations," said Labor's Home Affairs spokesman, Roy Hattersley. Ian Martin, secretary of the Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, said the Conservatives of laying down a "third class citizenship."

A major liberalizing feature is that women, as well as men, can now pass on British nationality to foreign-born children. In practice, those freed from immigration control under the descent provisions would be mainly whites — British-descended Australians, Canadians and South Africans, for example, who opt for British citizenship.

Butterflies exchanged for 'Zimbabwe birds'

SALISBURY, Feb. 2 (AFP) — Zimbabwe has got back its birds from South Africa, in exchange for 30,000 butterflies. The birds in question are five ancient stylized stone sculptures known as "Zimbabwe birds," the national symbol of this new state, the former Rhodesia.

Taken from the Zimbabwe ruins in the southeast of this country after the white settlers arrived in 1890, they had been in a museum in Cape Town, South Africa agreed to give them back after secret negotiations that culminated in a trade for a valuable collection of butterflies that had been in the possession of the Salisbury government.

The Zimbabwe ruins, remnants of a fortress built by Africans under the Mochochane empire of the middle ages, are near Fort Victoria, in the southeast. They were discovered in 1872 by German geologist Karl Mauch.

Anti-venom saves life

SYDNEY, Feb. 2 (R) — Australian doctors have for the first time successfully used a new anti-venom to save the life of a victim of the funnel web spider whose bite can kill within 15 minutes. The anti-venom, produced after 15 years of research, had never been administered to a human victim of the deadly spider and doctors did not know how a man would react.

But at the weekend doctors reported that a 50-year-old man bit on the foot began to recover 15 minutes after receiving an injection of the anti-venom.

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Trend reversed

Big surge in U.S. oil hunt commences to pay dividends

By Lydia Chavez

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2 (LAT) — A year-old surge in domestic exploration has already significantly slowed the rate of decline in United States oil production, reversed a trend in which for years the country has used more natural gas than it discovered, and given some industry and independent analysts hope that oil imports might be held at, or possibly even slightly below, current levels for the rest of the decade.

The turning point has been the phased decontrol of domestic oil prices, which provided the incentive behind the exploration push.

But if the nation is to make any more significant cuts in its appetite for foreign oil, these analysts note, the government is going to have to do more. Mostly, the industry is now looking for Washington to open more federal lands, both on and offshore, to exploration. President Reagan has indicated that he will support such moves, and environmental opposition to an expanded federal oil and gas leasing program appears more selective now than it once did.

To be sure, the analysts caution, any hope of forcing the nation completely from dependence on imported oil — as suggested by some Reaganites — is likely only on some Hollywood movie set.

Seoul, Kuwait discuss projects

KUWAIT, Feb. 2 (AP) — South Korea's Energy Minister Pong Hwan Park conferred here with Kuwait Housing Minister Hamad Al-Rajab on the performance of Korean construction companies currently building several hundred million dollars worth of projects in Kuwait.

Park, who arrived Sunday for a three-day visit also conferred with Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Rashed Abdul Aziz Al-Rashed.

Rashed told reporters Park emphasized his country's support of the Palestine cause and Palestinian rights, and his country's recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole representative of the Palestinian people. Park is scheduled to have talks Monday with Kuwait Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifah Al-Sabah.

Recession-hit supertankers heading for breakers' yard

LONDON, Feb. 2 (AP) — The world's supertankers, like prehistoric Dinosaurs who became extinct when they grew too big, are heading for the scrap heap because they are no longer economical.

The tanker business generally has been in trouble since the 1973 oil crisis, but supertankers have been hardest hit by the resulting recession, cutbacks in Arab oil production, growing use of the Middle East pipelines to carry oil and large-scale stockpiling by industrial nations.

Shipping analysts report a spare capacity of 82 million tons, including many supertankers of 200,000 tons or more. That is about one-quarter of the total world tanker tonnage.

Statistics from Lloyd's of London and other shipping agencies show that owners have idled 50 supertankers and converted another 32 to floating oil storage depots — a total of 21.5 million tons of some of the world's biggest vessels.

Spain and the Republic of China breakers' yards are especially busy as supertankers are scrapped. The world supertanker fleet has fallen from 745 in December 1978 to 720 last month and is expected to shrink below 700 by the end of the year, according to London shipbrokers.

Analysts see little chance of tanker business picking up for at least another five years, and by then most believe the era of the supertanker will be over, only 20 years after the first giants were launched.

Hong Kong's C.Y. Tung, owner of the world's biggest private fleet which includes 10 million tons of tankers, believes the days of the very large crude carriers (VLCCs) and ultra large crude carriers (ULCCs) are numbered. He recently launched the 564,764-ton *Seawise Giant*, the largest ship in the world, ordered before the bottom fell out of the market. He predicted that the Japanese-built tanker will be the last of the Leviathans.

"The tanker business is very discouraging," he said, "especially for the owners of very big tankers... tanker rates now are very low and will stay low for the foreseeable future."

Japan to slash deficit financing

By Sam Jameson

TOKYO, Feb. 2 (LAT) — President Reagan's inaugural promise to cut American taxes provides a marked contrast with what lies ahead for Japan.

Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki will be submitting to parliament a budget for fiscal 1981 that calls for the largest tax increase and the biggest one-year slash in deficit financing that Japan has experienced since the end of World War II.

Yet, even with the increased taxes, the average Japanese will still be paying about seven per cent less in taxes than Americans pay. That discrepancy is causing friction between the United States and Japan.

Two years ago, in an effort to spur growth at home and encourage more imports to cut a huge trade surplus, Japan approved a budget with massive spending on public works. More than 40 per cent of the revenue for it had to be obtained from issuing government bonds.

The move proved a success. Economic growth spurred, imports increased, and the United States' trade deficit with Japan was slashed by \$2.9 billion, from \$11.6 billion in 1978 to \$8.7 billion in 1979.

Deficit financing, however, created a heavy burden on Japan's banks, which were

Given the long lead times necessary to bring new offshore finds into production, many analysts predict that in 1990 the United States will still be importing about the same 40 per cent of its crude oil needs that it does now. Depending on the effectiveness of conservation efforts, these forecasters estimated that U.S. imports, now 6.1 million barrels a day, will remain within one million barrels a day of that figure one way or the other. Of course, even a one-million-barrel-a-day cut would save the United States about \$14 billion a year that otherwise would go to foreign suppliers.

The oil production totaled 8.5 million barrels a day in 1980, with seven million barrels coming from the lower 48 states and the rest from Alaska.

At that, 1980 represented a significant turning point. Since the early 1970s, domestic production in the lower 48 states had declined at an average rate of 3.3 per cent a year. But last year, production fell off by only 1.8 per cent, and these analysts believe that in the next 10 years the rate of decline will continue to slow, perhaps to as little as one per cent a year.

Still, to even begin to displace oil imports with conventional sources of domestic crude oil, the oil industry will have to make substantial new discoveries — a development that most analysts said is impossible without a significant acceleration of the offshore leasing program.

"Access to federal land is paramount to developing a sensible energy policy," said John Bookout, president of Shell Oil Co. The United States, he said, has leased only four per cent of its acreage on the outer continental shelf compared with the 30 per cent to 40 per cent that has been leased worldwide.

Even with restrictions lifted and the new discoveries made it can take up to 10 years to develop fields in Alaska, where geologists believe the last large, undiscovered fields remain.

Meanwhile, the country will have to rely on new production from smaller discoveries in the lower 48 states and enhanced recovery technologies that allow an operator to produce greater amounts of oil from the older fields. Synthetic fuels are not expected to contribute significantly to the country's energy needs until 1995 at the earliest.

The reduced rate of decline in U.S. production last year can be attributed entirely to the

decontrol of domestic oil prices, analysts say. In April 1979, former President Jimmy Carter announced the phased decontrol of crude oil and by last year the industry had enough rigs in place to make it the biggest drilling year since 1957.

What's more, there is no sign of any slowdown. The capital budgets for 1981 announced so far are up an average of 25 per cent, with the largest portion of the increase going to domestic exploration.

By October — or possibly sooner if Reagan succeeds in advancing the schedule — all U.S. crude oil will sell at the world price — now about \$38 a barrel. The specter of higher prices has made it possible for the industry to explore in basins that were ignored in the past because they were considered uneconomical.

For example, the cost of drilling a well in places like the Rocky Mountain overthrust belt, where the oil fields are deep and the climate difficult, is more than three times what it costs to drill in a conventional region like the Flatlands of West Texas.

Iraq signs contracts worth \$1,000m

BAGHDAD, Feb. 2 (AFP) — Iraq has recently signed economic contracts for projects totaling more than \$1,000 million, displaying a "business as usual" attitude despite its more than four-month-old war with Iran.

The Iraqi news agency INA said three contracts for construction of a cement factory, telephone systems and refrigerated warehouses were concluded in the last few days with foreign companies, but did not name the firms or their countries.

However, the Arab Press Service, a Lebanese economic bulletin, said that a large share of construction contracts totaling some \$300 million was concluded with West German firms because of their "positive" attitude toward Iraq.

Among other Iraqi projects cited by the Arab Press Service were construction of a subway in Baghdad, efforts to strengthen Iraq's electric and industrial capacity and construction of a 1,000-km highway network tying the country with Syria, Jordan and Kuwait.

Curbs on borrowing may cut inflation, Italian aide says

ROME, Feb. 2 (R) — Italian Treasury Minister Nino Andreatta has said he hopes that harsh curbs imposed on domestic and foreign borrowing will reduce annual inflation in Italy to 15 per cent.

Andreatta was quoted by the newspaper *La Stampa* Sunday as saying the measures were aimed at cutting last year's 21 per cent inflation rate, which was the highest in western Europe.

Most newspapers cautiously welcomed Saturday night's Central Bank decision to freeze foreign borrowing at last year's level, except for credits to boost exports. At the same time it cut domestic credit growth to 12 per cent from last year's 20 per cent.

Several newspapers said the curbs were provoked by the sharp slide of the lira against the dollar last week, entailing a further dramatic cost increase for oil and other key imports. "This is a road which involves certain unpopular decision, but it is the only one which can lead to raised productivity," *La Stampa* said.

By restricting combined foreign and domestic borrowing growth to 13 per cent, the minister and Central Bank Governor Carlo Ciampi plan to slow down Italy's economy without penalizing exporters, according to an official statement.

But there was no explanation whether the curbs, which come into force in March and April, would also apply to the government's own huge borrowing plan. Budget Minister Giorgio La Malfa, leader of an expansionist faction within the cabinet, recently unveiled a plan involving \$7 billion of foreign loans for a major capital development program.

Neither La Malfa nor Andreatta commented Sunday on the future of the plan after Saturday night's restrictions.

Bonn urged to manufacture arms

BONN, Feb. 2 (R) — West German industry should turn to arms production to combat unemployment, conservative politician Manfred Abelein has said.

Abelein, a foreign policy expert of the

Christian Democratic Union (CDU), told Sunday the mass circulation newspaper *Bild am Sonntag*: "Our available production capacities should in future — in line with our foreign policy interests — be committed more strongly to armaments."



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Archibald voted most valuable player

East weathers late West storm

RICHFIELD, Ohio, Feb. 2 (AP) — Reserves Robert Parish and Michael Ray Richardson led a second-half flurry that enabled the East to build a 16-point lead and hold off a West rally Sunday for a 123-120 victory in the 31st National Basketball Association all-star game.

The East, which went ahead to stay 61-58 on Julius Erving's three-point play closing out the first half, scored six of the last eight points of the third quarter to increase its advantage to 97-88 going into the final period.

Richardson, who had three points and an assist in the last minute of the third period, scored two quick baskets in the final quarter and Parish added a pair of assists as the East went ahead 107-91 with 9:54 to play. Parish's second assist came after he had blocked a shot and set up a slam dunk by Cleveland's

Mike Mitchell that brought a roar from the capacity crowd of 20,239.

The East led 103-99 with seven minutes to go before Kareem Abdul-Jabbar helped the West pull within three points on four different occasions, the last at 123-120 on a basket by George Grervin in the final minute.

The East failed to score on its next possession and the West took over with four seconds left. But after a timeout Jacksikma's try for a three-point field goal bounced off the back rim and the final buzzer sounded before the West could get off another shot.

Nate Archibald, the sparkling playmaker of the Boston Celtics, was voted the game's most valuable player. Archibald contributed nine points and nine assists to the East victory.

Erving, the mercurial forward of the Philadelphia 76ers who was the leading

vote-getter in the fan balloting for all-star starting berths, led the East with 18 points. Parish, the center who has been so much a part of the Boston Celtics' success this season, added 16 points. Eddie Johnson of Atlanta also had 16, Mitchell finished with 14, and Richardson, of the New York Knicks, had 11.

Paul Westphal of Seattle and Dennis Johnson of Phoenix led the West with 19 points apiece.

Archibald had two big baskets in the final period including one with 2:17 to play on giving the East a 121-116 edge that the West was unable to overcome.

The victory was the fifth in the past seven games for the East, which leads the all-star series 20-11.

The West missed its first three shots before getting untracked and taking the lead with an 11-2 spurt.

With Westphal scoring 10 points in eight minutes, the West built a 27-19 lead late in the opening period. But the East bounced right back with a 23-6 surge that included eight points by Parish to go ahead 42-33 with 7:06 to go in the second quarter.

Then, Dennis Johnson got hot and scored 12 points in the remainder of the period as the West twice pulled in front by one point, but Erving grabbed an offensive rebound and laid it in backwards over his head with four seconds left, was fouled on the play and sank the free throw, giving the East a 61-58 half-time lead.

Dennis Johnson was the leading scorer in the half with 13 points, all in the second quarter. Parish was the East's top scorer in the half with 10 points.

Erving began the second half just the way he ended the first, with an off-balance shot that resulted in a three-point play. The East led by as many as eight points midway through the quarter, but the West closed to 91-86 before Parish and Richardson led the East on its decisive 16-5 spurt.

European Soccer Results

Table with columns for Spanish First Division, Italian First Division, Dutch First Division, NEC Nijmegen, Ajax Amsterdam, Twente Enschede, Feyenoord Rotterdam, Greek First Division, French First Division, and other league results.

Alex Higgins regains golden touch

LONDON, Feb. 2 (AFP) — Alex Higgins rediscovered his golden touch to win the Benson and Hedges' Masters' Snooker title in front of a record-breaking crowd at Wembley Conference Center Sunday night.

In a repeat of last year's final Higgins, the 31-year-old Irishman, who has been runner-up on his last three appearances in major finals turned on the style but then had to resist a storming fight back before beating the man who defeated him last year, holder Terry Griffiths, 9-6.

He picked up the first prize of £6,000 and his second Masters' crown and now will look forward with confidence to the World

Championship in April.

Both players were below their best although Higgins opened up with a 75 break and maintained a slight edge to lead 5-3 at the interval.

Griffiths, 32, who is normally so meticulous around the table, couldn't find his rhythm and missed crucial pots as Higgins picked up three frames on the trot.

But with Higgins needing only one frame for victory Griffiths, who came from 2-5 down in his semifinal, produced a stunning break of 136 — the highest in the championship and his best in a major tournament — to keep hopes alive.

Griffiths, showing the fighting qualities that made him the world champion, stayed ice-cool to take the next two frames and bring the frame score to 6-8. What looked like being a formality for Higgins was now turning into a real cliff-hanger as Griffiths kept the 2,000 crowd on their toes till the very end.

Higgins seemed home and dry at 74-40 in the 5th but Griffiths who needed three snookers to stay in the match, pulled off one before Higgins got home 85-48.

Higgins said afterwards: "I admire the man for the way he came back. Luckily I finished up the winner."



ALL SMILES: Bob Garretson, Bobby Rahal and Brian Redman are all smiles as they pose with their trophies, winning the Pepsi challenge car race.

Redman's team triumphs

DARTONA BEACH, Florida, Feb. 2 (AP) — The team of Brian Redman, Bobby Rahal and Bob Garretson, driving a powerful, low-profile Porsche Turbo 935 rolled to an easy victory Sunday in the grueling 24-hour F.EPSI Challenge Sports Car Endurance Race.

Redman, who combined with the late Peter Gregg and Englishman John Fitzpatrick to win this race in 1976, put his new team on top to stay just to win this race in 1976, put his new team on top to stay just six hours into the race.

The winners, with Redman taking the final shift, finished 12 laps and nearly half an hour ahead of a Porsche 935 driven by Bob Akin, Englishman Derek Bell and Craig Siebert. The top trio, which divided up about \$50,000 in prize money, completed 708 laps and 2,718.72 miles (4,375.23 km). They averaged 113.153 mph (182.097 kph).

In something of a surprise, under-2.5 litre GTU cars — the lowest of three classifications in the race and as much as 60 mph (96 kph) slower than the top category GT cars, which go over 200 mph (320 kph) on the straightaways — finished third and fourth.

A Porsche 911, driven by Bob McFarli, William Koll and Jeff Kline was a distant third, 61 laps behind the top car.

Fourth place, 81 laps behind, went to a Datsun ZX piloted by Frank Carney, Dick Davenport.

Redman, a 42-year-old English racer now living in Lake Forest, Illinois, finding the quickest route around Daytona international speedway's 3.84-mile (6.14 km) course, took advantage of a long pit stop by then-leader Danny Ongais to move on top.

Tanner ousts Fibak for singles crown

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2 (AP) — Seventh-seeded Roscoe Tanner took his first step in an attempted comeback from an off year when he beat Wojtek Fibak of Poland 6-2, 7-6, 7-5, Sunday to win the \$250,000 U.S. Pro Indoor Tennis Championships.

The 29-year-old Tanner earned \$45,000 first prize with his straight set triumph in the best-of-five match against the Polish national sports hero.

Fibak pocketed a check for \$22,500 for his efforts in the week-long tournament, including a major upset in the quarterfinals over top-seeded Jimmy Connors.

Tanner reached just one final last year, and nine times was ousted in quarterfinals. There was concern about his future in tennis after a decade as one of the pro circuit's leading players.

Tanner broke Fibak twice in the opening set, the latter in the final game for a 6-2 victory. In the second set, the two exchanged service, 6-6, and Tanner won a tiebreaker, 7-5. The winning point came when the eighth-seeded Fibak ousted a return of a strong service by Tanner, recognized as one of the game's hardest servers.

Tanner broke the Polish player twice in the first five games of the third set and appeared to have him playing a defensive game. The world's 14th-ranked player, Tanner broke Fibak in game three, scoring the deciding point when Fibak overdrove the sideline with a cross-court forehand.

After rallying from 15-40 to save his own serve in the fourth game, Tanner broke Fibak again to take what appeared to be a comfortable 4-1 lead.

Fibak, however, who won twice last year and earned \$368,073 rallied twice to break Tanner's devastating serve and eventually evened the third set at five games apiece. Tanner then held service to go ahead 6-5 and

closed out the match by breaking through Fibak for a 7-5 final set decision.

Meanwhile, Marty Riessen and Sherwood Stewart, both of the U.S., divided \$15,000 by winning the doubles championship with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Brian Gottfried of the U.S. and Raul Ramirez of Mexico. The defeated team gained \$7,500.

In Chile, Victor Pecci of Paraguay won the Vina Del Mar Grand Prix Tournament defeating Jose Higuera of Spain 6-4, 6-0. Pecci picked up a winner's purse of \$50,000.

Meanwhile, top-seeded Martina Navratilova defeated second-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Prague 6-4, 6-2 Sunday, to win her fourth consecutive Avon Championship Tennis Tournament — the first woman to ever win four Women's Tennis Association titles in succession.

Record knock by Nasar

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 2 — Records fell yet again, Friday, as Nasar of Indian Embassy hammered a huge 131 runs to record the highest ever innings in the Alreza Cricket League, and steer the Indians to a 110-run victory over SAPL Green.

In other matches, Yellow Rose confirmed their improving form by crushing third placed Pak-Saudi by seven wickets. Shalimar overcame a poor start to defeat Sikander by 76 runs. Hochdief beat Honda by 64 runs, and NAI beat JCC by 5 wickets.

Nasar crashed 13 fours in his record score and was out only four minutes from the end of Indian's innings of 200 for 8. Only Shoukat gave him some support with a valuable 25, none of the other batsmen reaching double figures. Yaver took 4 for 51. In reply, for SAPL Green Mugeen scored 61 but found

Two share title

WIJK-AAN-ZEE, Netherlands, Feb. 2 (AP) — Holland's Jan Timman refused a draw with Ulf Andersson and clinched victory in a difficult ending to share the first with fellow Dutch grandmaster Genna Sosonko in the Annual "Hoogovens" Chess Tournament Sunday.

At the outset of Sunday's action, the Dutch champion was one point behind his compatriot, who had a bye in the final round. The win gave Timman eight points. Sosonko, the only player in the field of thirteen to remain unbeaten also scored eight points.

himself unsupported as the Indian bowler Magsood took 8 wickets for 35 runs to keep the SAPL total down to 90. The league bowling record is held by Zaheer, who took 9 for 18 in 1977.

Pak-Saudi lost both their openers in the first two overs, but good innings from Anwar (40), and Zaheer (44), helped them to a total of 163. Khalid took 3 wickets for 41 runs. Rose also had a poor start losing their openers for 6 runs, then Amjad (77) and Assad (73) came to the wicket and the final result was never in doubt.

Shalimar collected a respectable 163 in 37 overs, Moiz (36) and Mushir (29) being their top-scorers, then bowlers Shankat and Anes skittled Sikander's early batsmen, and had them 24 for 5 at one stage. Afaq took over the bowling and his figures of 4 for 22 helped Sikander to a 76-run victory.

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Cover story

The third Islamic summit meeting in Jeddah last week came with what could be termed as a program of action for the Muslim world. News reports on page 22. From Jerusalem to Afghanistan to economy to procedural issues of the Islamic institutions, Islamic joint work seems to be poised for take-off.

TRAINING PROBLEMS:

Executives and officials concerned with training problems met to discuss the issue and prepare for another meeting to be held in Dhahran next April. reports on page 9



EGYPTIAN OIL:

The announcement of new oil discoveries in Egypt could not have been timely. Egyptian economy is suffering hard and definitely extra few thousand barrels of oil will help. Report by Cairo Bureau page 30.



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Murray stars in NFC win

HONOLULU, Hawaii, Feb. 2 (AP) — Detroit Lion rookie Eddie Murray kicked three field goals and quarterback Steve Bartkowski threw a 55-yard scoring pass to help the Lions defeat Tampa Bay 20-14 in the National Football Conference to a 7-7 Pro Bowl victory over the American Conference.

The NFC, winning its fourth consecutive Bowl and sixth of the last seven National Football League all-star games, turned in a defensive effort against the AFC's potent offense. Led by Tampa Bay quarterback Lee Roy Selmon and Dallas tackle Andy White, the NFC held the AFC in check all day.

After the NFC had taken a 9-7 lead at halftime, Bartkowski gave his team some breathing room when he threw a pinpoint pass to Jenkins, who raced down the sideline and hauled in the ball on the dead run some 40 yards from the line of scrimmage.

Watson ties with Bryant for top spot

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PEBBLE BEACH, California, Feb. 2 (AP) — Tom Watson birdied the 18th hole and moved into a tie with Brad Bryant for the lead Sunday in the rain-delayed second round of the \$225,000 Bing Crosby National Pro-Am Golf Tournament.

Watson, golf's dominant figure and player of the year for the past four seasons, dropped a 22-foot putt on the final hole at Pebble Beach.

"That finished off a pretty good round of golf," said Watson, who shot a 3-under-par 69 and had a 2-round total of 136, eight shots under par.

The tournament's opening round, lashed by a series of storms was rained out Thursday and Friday. Officials decided to cut it to a 54-hole event, ending with an 18-hole round Monday.

Three courses — Pebble Beach, Cypress Point and Spyglass Hill — will be played in the final round and there's no way of knowing which course may produce the winner.

Bryant, a non-winner in his third year of PGA tour activity, shot 67, also at Pebble Beach.

In Bing Crosby Golf

with Bryant for top spot

A single shot off the leaders' pace were Jerry Pate, Ben Crenshaw and John Cook, the 23-year-old former National Amateur Champion who held the first-round lead. Cook slipped to a second-round 71 under bright, sunny skies at Pebble Beach. Crenshaw had a 70, also at Pebble. Pate had a 68 at Cypress Point and had an advantage in that he plays Pebble Beach Monday. The other leaders must take on Spyglass Hill, the toughest of the three courses. "Pate is the actual leader," said Watson.

Bob Clampett, a 20-year-old rookie, and Greg Powers were next at 138. Clampett shot a 71 at Spyglass, Powers 71 at Pebble Beach.

Jack Nicklaus moved into contention with a 68 at Pebble Beach. He was playing with former president Gerald Ford as his amateur partner and drew the biggest part of the gallery.

Nicklaus was tied at 139, three shots back, with Hale Irwin, Andy Bean and Barry Jaeckel. Jaeckel shot 68 at Pebble Beach. Bean had 69 at Spyglass and Irwin 69 at Pebble Beach.

Watson had an erratic effort that included six birdies and three bogeys. He bogeyed the 13th and 14th, each time missing a short putt, and fell one stroke back about the time the television cameras cut away. But his bold putt on the last hole lifted him back into a share of the top spot.

Meanwhile, in Florida, Sandra Palmer overcame two bogeys on the back nine and shook off a challenge by Amy Alcott Sunday for a two-stroke victory in the Ladies Professional Golf Association's \$100,000 Whirlpool Championship of Deer Creek.

In her first victory on the LPGA tour since 1977, Palmer had to fight a strong, unpredictable wind. "This means a lot to me," she said as she accepted the \$15,000 check for winning the first event of the 1981 season. "I didn't think I'd ever win again."

Palmer, in her 18th year on the tour, shot a 75 over the 6,260-yard, par-73 Deerfield Country Club course and finished 72 holes at 284, eight under par.

Three seeds fall by the wayside in Open Squash

JEDDAH, Feb. 2 — Sixty one of Jeddah's top players fought out the opening rounds of Jeddah's first Open Squash tournament last weekend. Sponsored by Air France, the tournament will decide Jeddah's top player, and choose four representatives to go to the regional tournament scheduled for Dammam next year.

The opening rounds produced three upsets, but the exciting play was overshadowed by the figure of recent arrival Hussein Abu El Noor, the tournament No. 1 seed, who cruised through his opening rounds winning only six points in two matches. He was the favorite to win the first prize (sponsored by the organizers, a return air ticket to a famous European city) although he was unavailable to comment on the rumor that he now has daily French lessons, but strong opposition should come from Giles Dolleymore and Rolf Holme who have also powered through their opening rounds in easy fashion.

El Noor, former Egyptian junior international needed only seven minutes to sail through his second round match 9-0, 9-1, 9-0 then crushed Frank Bell 9-0, 9-1, 9-4 to move into the quarterfinals, next weekend. Bell had earlier surprised No. 16 seed Dave Doherty with a fine 7-9, 9-0, 9-1, 9-7 win in the second round but was lost against El Noor's skill.

Thursday's first round action saw only one upset as No. 13 seed (unlucky for him) Ray Martin crashed in five games to Roger Martin 6-9, 9-10, 7-9, 7-9, in the longest match of that round. An unfortunate loss to the tournament was the No. 5 seed (and former champion) Mike Cure who arrived back from Cairo only the previous night.



PRESSURE: Chris Thomas plays a cross court backhand to keep up pressure on Julian Dawes.

Although these were the only surprises, two seeds were given early frights. No. 6 Colin Ramsay and No. 10 Julian Dawes both lost their first games before fighting through to win 10-8 in their fourth games. Dawes was given a lucky reprieve by Chris Thomas who had him 3-7 down in the fourth before a loss in concentration by Thomas allowed Dawes to pull through.

Second round play again saw only one upset as Pethers crashed to Bell, but No. 15 seed Dave Devine was pushed to 10-9 in the fifth game by stylish player Bob Goodacre, whose lapses into erratic play eventually cost him the match. Andy Barnett played his second five-game match and sheer determination brought him through against Roger Martin, earlier victor over the No. 13 seed. Barnett refused to top running and aided by seven unforced errors from Martin in the fifth game won through 9-6, 9-7, 7-9, 9-2, 5-9, 9-1. Alas this determination couldn't stop him crashing in the third round to No. 4 seed Giles Dolleymore, whose power and accuracy proved too much.

Greg Chappell's action comes under heavy fire

CANBERRA, Feb. 2 (AFP) — Australian cricket captain Greg Chappell was Monday "carpeted" by the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) for ordering his brother Trevor to bowl an under-arm delivery in Sunday's One-day Cricket International against New Zealand.

The New Zealanders needed six runs on the last ball to tie the match when Chappell gave the order. Batsman Brian McKechnie tapped away the ball which rolled harmlessly down the pitch. He then threw away his hat in disgust and the record crowd of 52,990 at the Melbourne Cricket ground exploded in anger against the Australian skipper.

ACB chairman Phil Ridings said the Board "deplored" Greg Chappell's action which it described as "Totally contrary to the spirit" of the game.

Greg Chappell issued a statement in which he "regretted the decision". He said it was something he would not do again.

The ACB decided to change the rules to prohibit under-arm bowling for the remaining Benson and Hedges World Series Cup one-day finals.

Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser called on Greg Chappell to apologize and New Zealand Prime Minister Robert Muldoon told a Wellington press conference that Chappell had committed an "act of cowardice."

Mr. Muldoon added that it was "most appropriate" that the Australian team had been dressed in yellow. "It is the most disgusting incident I can recall in the history of cricket, a game I thought was played by gentlemen," Mr. Muldoon said.

The ACB held an emergency telephone book-up meeting Monday to consider the controversy. In a statement later, Mr. Ridings acknowledged that Chappell's action had been within the laws of the game.

"Greg Chappell has been advised of the Board's strong feelings on this matter and his responsibilities as captain to uphold the spirit of cricket at all times," Mr. Ridings said.

Greg Chappell issued a statement saying his decision had been made while he was under pressure and in the heat of the moment. "I regret the decision. It is something I would not do again," he added.

But his elder brother and former Test captain, Ian, strongly admonished Greg for his action. "Fair dinkum, Greg, how much pride do you sacrifice to win \$35,000 because, brother, you sure sacrificed a lot in front of a huge television audience Sunday afternoon," Ian Chappell wrote in a Sydney newspaper.

Former Test captain Richie Benaud described Greg's action as a "gutless performance from a captain who got his bums wrong."

Benaud said: "It was a disgraceful happening and should never be permitted to occur again."

Australia leads 2-1 in the best of five-match finals series of the World Series Cup games. The next will be played Tuesday as a day-night game at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

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The seedings have proved extremely accurate so far, with only two of the top eight seeds not reaching the last eight. Mike Hol-

ton, the No. 12 seed has come through to fill the gap left by Cure's absence, and John Yeudall No. 11 upset No. 6 seed Colin Ramsay in the third round. Although their match only went to four games, 9-7, 4-9, 9-6, 9-6, the extended rallies made it the longest match in the tournament so far.

The final stages of the tourney are scheduled for next weekend, when Arabian Homes will be playing hosts. Action in the men's event begins 6.30 on Thursday when El Noor meets No. 8 seed Ian Johnson whose touch play proved extremely effective in the early rounds but may prove insufficient against El Noor's power. Dolleymore, another powerful player meets Holme, then at 7.15 Yeudall meets Rolf Holme whose form has so far not been seriously tested.

However, the ex-Swedish international has looked confident and must be a serious contender for a berth in Friday's final. The last quarterfinal sees Mike Wade (No. 7 seed) take on the No. 2 seed Alan James. Wade needed five games to push out Julian Dawes in the third round in surprisingly easy fashion despite the score. Dawes allowed James to dominate the match from the center of the court, and paid the price for poor recovery.

However, Wade should find his persistent erratic play move seriously punished by the No. 2 seed.

England scores 2nd victory

BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS, Feb. 2 (AP) — England won the first of their two one-day matches against the Windward Islands at Arnos Vale by 16 runs Sunday. The victory was their second in two matches on the current tour.

After winning the toss and batting first, England compiled 166 for nine wickets in a match reduced to 40 overs, per side after a wet outfield held up the start for 75 minutes. Needing to score at a little over four runs per over, the Windward island made a sound start through Lockhart Sebastian and Anc John. When they both fell at 31, Monty Garner and captain Iring Shillingford added a sound 45 for the third wicket. But all the time they were slipping slowly behind the asking rate with Graham Dilley, England's

leading bowler, with 3-28 from his eight overs despite some early no-ball problems. The Windwards finished with 150 for nine.

But England paid for their victory. Vice-captain and fast bowler Bob Willis hobbled off the field after bowling just seven overs. He twisted his left knee in the soft approach to the wicket.

Barbadian Roland Butcher top-scored with 44 when England batted. His innings included four fours and a six. The second best score was Ian Botham's 31. The England captain, playing instead of the ill Peter Willey, hit one delivery from Hinds out of the ground. But overall it was not a very satisfactory day for those batsman badly needing practice before the first test against the West Indies, in Port of Spain on Feb. 13.

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Caulkins corners limelight

AMERSFOORT, Netherlands, Feb. 2 (AP) — American Tracy Caulkins soundly defeated the East Germans and Russians who had attempted to spoil her successes during the three-day sixth International Speed Swim meet which ended Sunday.

In addition to amassing four victories and one second place, the 18-year-old student also managed a grand total of three protests against her, lodged by East Germany (twice) and the Soviet Union. All the protests were rejected by the jury.

The East-Bloc charges concerned Caulkins' style of swimming in the breaststroke.

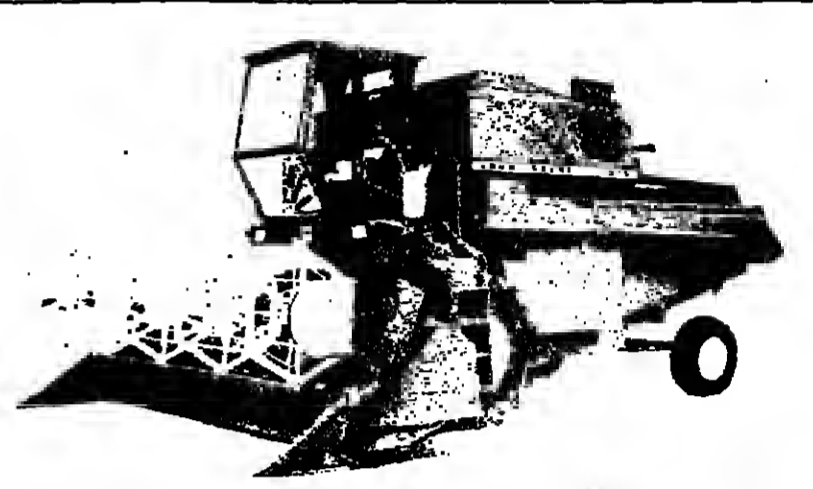
According to the East Germans and the Soviets, the American swimmer turned her feet in such a manner as to create extra speed.

On Sunday, Caulkins gained sweet revenge in the women's 100-meter breaststroke by impressively beating Ite Geweniger of East Germany by nearly one full second. Caulkins' time was 1:11.97 against 1:12.87 for the East German woman, Sveta Alimbaeva of the Soviet Union was distant third.

In the 100-meter backstroke, Caulkins again won in a time of 1:04.82, followed by Monique Bosgi of Holland in 1:05.27 and Peter Riedel of East Germany in 1:05.3.

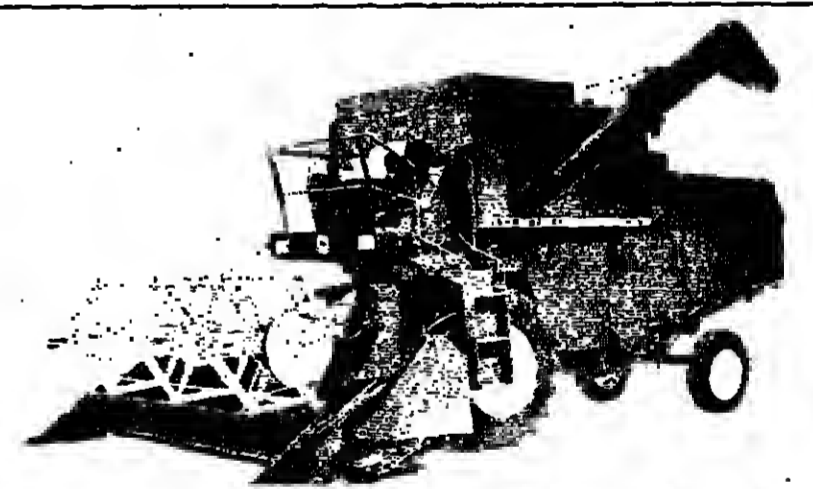
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You start by playing a spade to the ace and ruffing a low spade. Then you lead the seven of hearts to the ten and ruff another spade. As a result, you and East each have two trumps left. You next play the heart jack to the queen, producing this position:

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You lead dummy's king of spades and, if East ruffs, you overruff, draw his last trump, and claim the rest. If East discards instead, so do you. You then lead the jack of spades. If East discards, so do you. But on the next lead from dummy, East can no longer avoid the inevitable outcome. He is couped.

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Your Individual Horoscope
Frances Drake
FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Partners are a source of pleasant surprises. Sociability brings you career success. Higher-ups are pleased with your performance.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Both students and travelers meet with affection. Some of you experience love at first sight. Expect good news from a distance.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
You may receive a gift. Affections grow deeper. Joint money affairs prosper now. The job may bring you surprise benefits.

CANCER (June 21 to July 20)
Romantic interests are highlighted. Children are a source of joy. Singles meet with unexpected admiration. Enjoy togetherness.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
A pleasant work assignment could come your way. Good will on the job brings you benefits. The p.m. favors romance and home life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Artists and musicians have luck. All creative work is favored. Enjoy bobbies and leisure activities. Romance is likely too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Invite others over now. Home-based activities prove pleasurable. Shoppers may find a delightful bargain. Surprise someone with a gift.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Short trips may lead to romantic introductions. Unexpected good news via letter or phone likely. Put creative talents to use.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
An increased artistic appreciation may lead to a beautiful purchase. Financial matters are on the upswing. Privacy abets romance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Pay attention to personal appearance now. Get a haircut or visit a beauty parlor. An impromptu get-together proves to be romantic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You'll want to spend moments alone with a loved one. Behind-the-scenes career moves pay off. Keep plans confidential for success.

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5 Discolors
10 Author, Carlo -
11 Business contact
12 In the group
13 "El - Grande"
14 Yellow ochre
15 Favorite
16 Indo-Chinese
17 Radio interference
19 Chopin's lover
20 Goid
21 Peak (Sp.)
22 Sports building
25 The tender gender
28 Chuck
29 Barris need
27 Through
28 Villa d', at Tivoli
29 Be pensioned
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34 Knave
35 Author
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39 Legislative body
40 Therefore
41 Cubic measure

DOWN 1 School session
2 Send back
3 Spanish province
4 Before day or night
5 Apartment -
6 French river
7 Orate
8 Add to
9 Used as a support
11 1346 battle
15 Type size

Yesterday's Answer
28 Trace -
30 French river
31 Scope
32 Laud
34 Quote
37 Snooker
38 Victor

arab news CALENDAR

DHAHRAN TV (Aramco)
4:30 Children's Show
5:30 Safety Film
6:30 All Star Soccer
7:05 Jew and Redneck
7:06 Halko, Larry
7:31 Adams Chances
8:30 Less Great
9:15 Dallas

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2:05 Gains of Guidance
2:10 Saudi Tabligh
2:20 On Islam
2:30 Radio Magazine
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 World of Machines
3:30 A Selection of Music
3:40
3:50 Cutdown

Evening Transmissions
9:00 Opening
9:01 Holy Quran
9:05 Gains of Guidance
9:10 Light Music
9:15 The Evening Show
9:45 Reflections of a Muslim
10:00 Islamic Contributions
10:10 Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 S. A. - A Daily Chronicle
10:30 Boquet
10:50 The World of the Culture
11:15 Remind and Abort
11:45 On Islam
12:00 In the Oulet
12:30 Music
12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
01:00 Cutdown

VOA
News Summary
10:30 VOA Magazine
11:00 American Letter
11:05 Special English: News
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8:00 World News
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours
9:00 News Summary
8:30 Sarah Ward
8:45 World Today
9:00 Newswatch
9:30 Opera Star
10:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours
10:30 News Summary
10:30 Sarah Ward
10:45 Something to Show You

Evening Transmissions
11:00 World News
11:09 Reflections
11:15 Piano Style
11:30 Britain of Britain 1978
12:00 World News
12:09 British Press Review
12:15 World Today
12:30 Financial News
12:40 Look Ahead
12:45 The Tory Myth

8:30 Take One
8:45 Sports Round-up
9:00 World News
9:09 News about Britain
9:15 Radio Newswatch
9:30 Farming World
10:00 Outlook News Summary
10:39 Stock Market Report
10:45 Look Ahead
10:45 Ulster in Focus
11:00 World News
11:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
11:15 Talkabout
12:45 Nature Notebook
1:00 World News
1:09 World Today
1:25 Financial News
1:35 Book Choice
1:40 Reflections
1:45 Sports Round-up
2:00 World News
2:09 Comedy
2:15 The Fame of England

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TUESDAY

Morning
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Wavelengths: 16.96, 16.81, 13.82 (meters)

Evening
Frequencies: 1770, 2175 (Intl)
Wavelengths: 16.74, 13.86, 13.79 (meters)

7:45 Religious Program
8:00 News
8:10 Melodies
8:30 Literary Magazine
9:00 NEWS
9:03 Your Doctor
9:23 Our Choice (Music)

4:30 Religious Program
4:46 Diet and Cosmos
5:15 Literary Magazine
5:45 One Singer
6:00 NEWS
6:15 Press Review
6:20 On This Day
6:25 Classical Music

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Talks continue

Labor now to fight for Polish farmers

WARSAW, Feb. 2 (AFP) — The fight for independent union rights for Polish farmers is now the number one priority for labor leader Lech Walesa and his union federation Solidarity following their weekend agreement with the government on Saturday working and access to the media.

Tuesday which would have seen a nationwide one-day strike without the agreement, has still been named a day of support for the farmers in the form of a propaganda campaign for the recognition of their union "Rural Solidarity" by the authorities.

At Rzeszow in southeastern Poland negotiations were still going Moodyday between Deputy Agriculture Minister Andrzej

Ex-U.S. aide flays move to cut aid

HONG KONG, Feb. 2 (R) — Former U.S. Defense Secretary Elliot Richardson said Monday it would be a disastrous mistake for the Reagan administration to cut aid to developing countries, if cuts in public spending had to be made, he said, "we should squeeze in other places."

Richardson, who held several high posts under former President Richard Nixon, was speaking at a lunch given by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and the American Chamber of Commerce.

He said there was nothing more likely to cause unrest and instability than for people in developing countries to see less chance of sharing in the world's wealth. Administration sources said last week that Reagan's economic advisers were considering a proposal to cut U.S. foreign aid by more than a third in the coming year.

"It would be a disastrous mistake to reduce foreign aid," Richardson said. "It would be a disaster of political cost to the United States and to the international agencies such as the World Bank."

"For the United States to be seen, in effect, to be abdicating from its share of responsibility would be interpreted as signaling U.S. withdrawal from contributing to one of the areas most in need of change," he said.

He noted that Secretary of State Alexander Haig was fighting efforts from within the newly-installed Reagan administration to cut foreign assistance. In the political-military field, Richardson said the aim should be to achieve what he called as stable a deadlock as possible with the Soviet Union.

"We should give the Soviet Union the message that it cannot get ahead. But be corollary is that neither can we. We must preserve the stalemate to strengthen stability but keep it stable at much lower cost."

He said this could result in agreements on mutual balanced force reductions in Europe, on strategic nuclear arms and on reducing conventional armament. Richardson, a former attorney-general, ambassador to Britain and under-secretary of state, is on a private visit to Asia.

100 student rioters held in Indian cities

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2 (AFP) — One hundred more students were arrested Monday as caste riots in the textile city of Ahmedabad in western India spread to other areas of Gujarat state, it was reported. More incidents of looting and arson were reported in Ahmedabad, while police were called in to quell disturbances in nearby locations.

A campaign by upper caste Hindu students opposed to the state administration's decision to reserve seats for low caste Hindu students and untouchables in medical colleges and higher educational institutions triggered the riots eight days ago. Protestors at Faldi, on the capital's outskirts, vacated a bus, then set it on fire, while other reports said police used tear gas to disperse demonstrators stoning a textile mill in another locality.

The Press Trust of India news agency quoted a police report that the army, already on alert, would be called in if necessary. An army parade Sunday failed to act as a warning to the demonstrators. The students arrested Monday in Baroda were charged with violating a ban on demonstrations.

Kacala and representatives of the farm workers. The talks began Sunday and members of Solidarity's national committee were staying on the spot until they ended.

The farm workers demanded "recognition" of their union, pointing out that its official "registration" is up to the courts, but the government side refused to do anything which would be seen as prejudicing a court decision. However, Kacala kept tension down by promising on behalf of the justice ministry that no steps would be taken to evict the 300 farm workers who have occupied the headquarters of the old official unions in Rzeszow since the beginning of the year.

However, the second session of negotiations, which was relayed by loudspeakers to the exterior of the building, lasted only 15 minutes after the farmers said they could not go on before the solution of other local problems Ustrzyki Dolne, right on the Soviet frontier, including the opening to the public of a government hunting reserve at Arlamowo. Kacala was referring the question to the prime minister's office and the government negotiating commission was possibly going to Ustrzyki later Monday for a first-hand look at the problem.

Meanwhile, Walesa is also occupied with the "unofficial" indefinite general strike launched last week by the Solidarity branch at Bielsko Biala to the south demanding the withdrawal of a number of local party and government officials. Several members of Solidarity's national executive were already at Bielsko Biala and Walesa was expected to join them soon. Union officials said a government delegation was also awaited but did not know when or of what importance.

Another center of dispute, reported by television at the weekend, is Lodz, Poland's second city, where students are occupying three colleges. Minister of Higher Education Janusz Gorsk said that their demands were not impossible, and in fact some had already been granted but the students were not yet aware of it.

The Communist Party newspaper *Trybuna Ludu*, said Monday the result of the weekend's negotiations with Solidarity proved that the union had leaders who wanted a reasonable compromise, in a comment seen as an implicit reply to repeated Soviet press criticism of Solidarity.

The Mass of the union leadership also showed good will, "united not only in the common effort and desire to restore the republic but their sense of joint responsibility," the paper said. However, militants of certain provincial sections of the union had a completely different attitude, it charged. "They give the impression of wanting to maintain and increase tension and apply dangerous pressure to public opinion."

U.S. to maintain troop levels in South Korea

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan, meeting Monday with South Korean President Chun Doo-Hwan, is expected to pledge to maintain U.S. troop levels in that country, officials said. Chun's visit also is intended to symbolize a return to normalcy in Korean-American relations after four years of friction over human rights and other issues during former President Jimmy Carter's tenure.

The South Korean leader arrived here Sunday and was greeted at Andrews air force base by Secretary of State Alexander Haig and several hundred flag-waving Koreans residing locally.

Carter began a phased withdrawal of U.S. ground troops in 1977, but the process was suspended in 1979 after North Korea's military capability was found to be greater than had been believed. The suspension was subject to review this year, but officials, asking out to be identified, said Chun was expected to receive assurances there will be no further troop reductions. There now are about 40,000 U.S. troops in South Korea.

Chun's visit here caps an unusually hectic period of political activity in South Korea. Over the past two weeks, Chun has invited North Korean leader Kim Il-Sung to visit Seoul, committed to life imprisonment the death sentence of opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung and lifted some restrictions imposed on political activity after the 1979 assassination of President Park Chung-Hee. American officials said Chun's visit will



CLOSED FOR TRAFFIC: A view of the famous Via dei Fori Imperiali in downtown Rome Sunday when it was closed to motor traffic in an experiment to test the possibility of a plan to turn the area into a vast "archaeological park." Archeologists believe that under the pavement are buried two forums dating to the Roman age. The Via dei Fori Imperiali was built by Mussolini during the 1920s as a dramatic avenue for military parades.

Cars barred from Roman avenue

ROME, Feb. 2 (AP) — Children in carnival costumes played tag in the middle of Via dei Fori Imperiali Sunday — the first day that half of the famous street next to the Forum was closed to automobiles.

Hundreds of tourists and Roman families enjoyed an unseasonably hot winter sun in sweaters or shirtsleeves as they paraded up and down the wide thoroughfare, which normally

carries some of the city's heaviest traffic. Teo-aged boys kicked soccer balls until the police told them to stop, and dozens of people casually rode bicycles or roller-skated. Motorists had to find new routes with the closing of the street, but no major traffic jams were reported.

The city has barred cars from half of the 800-meter-long avenue from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. every Sunday and on holiday. Authorities

eventually hope to bar traffic permanently from the entire street, in the heart of the city. They are planning to open an "archaeological park" including the Colosseum, Forum and Capitol.

The city wants to bar cars from the area in part because auto pollution is eating away at some of the monuments. The bronze removed from the Capitol for that reason.

Speaker denies charges

Khomeini help sought to stop Sadr campaign

BEIRUT, Feb. 2 (AP) — Iran's parliament speaker appealed Monday to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to intervene personally to stop President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr's campaign against the oil-rich clergy-led hardliners, Tehran radio reported.

"We ask the Imam (Khomeini) to consider this case himself," said Ali Akbar Hussein Rafsanjani in an opening session of Iran's Majlis (parliament) in Tehran.

Rafsanjani denied Bani-Sadr's charges that everything the Majlis did by way of bills or statements was aimed at "omitting" the president from Iran's political life, the radio

said in a broadcast monitored in Beirut.

Rafsanjani said he would obey Khomeini's orders issued last month out to air domestic differences publicly and would not indulge in a public debate with the president "for the sake of the nation's unity in time of war," the radio said. Rafsanjani and his Islamic Republican party the political arm of Iran's fundamentalists rallying behind Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai, control the majority in parliament.

Bani-Sadr accused them of scheming against the president's constitutional power. He also blamed Rajai's handling of the

American hostage crisis for failing to ensure the prompt delivery to Iran of paid-for U.S. arms as part of the accords to free the 52 American captives. Bani-Sadr made the charge in an interview published by *Enghelab Island*, the Tehran newspaper he founded.

Bani-Sadr, who is backed by Iran's secular-minded moderates, said the government's handling of the hostage affair has set the nation on a destructive course.

"There should have been an intellectual debate on radio and television between Iran's negotiators who say the accords were a great service and those who say it was high treason," Bani-Sadr said. "But instead of such a debate to determine whether the affair was a great service or high treason, the matter took a deviative course and a destructive process will begin."

The president did not elaborate on this process, but said he will write at the appropriate time everything about the hostage crisis.

Hardline clericals have criticized Bani-Sadr's conduct of the war with Iraq, prompting Khomeini earlier this month to interfere and order a ban on statements critical of the war effort.

The 80-year-old leader of the Islamic revolution in Iran took no sides, however, in the ongoing power struggle that saw Bani-Sadr accusing Rajai of incompetence and vetoing every Rajai-nominee for foreign minister since the cabinet was formed last summer.

On the war front Sunday both Iran and Iraq reported continued fighting in all zones, with Iran claiming its forces killed or wounded 227 Iraqi troops in clashes in a day.

A war communique broadcast by Baghdad radio claimed Iraqi troops killed 99 Iranians in 24 hours and shot down two Iranian helicopter gunships. It conceded 13 Iraqi soldiers were killed.



Chun Doo-Hwan enhance his prestige internationally and in South Korea, where he is expected to receive a mandate for a seven-year term in indirect presidential elections later this month.

Seven full-page advertisements heralding Chun's arrival appeared in the first 20 pages of Monday's editions of *The Washington Post*.

South Africa threatens reprisals

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 2 (Agencies) — South Africa will strike again if necessary against countries which harbor black nationalist guerrillas, Defense Minister Gen. Magnus Malan said.

In a statement issued in Pretoria Sunday night Gen. Malan said Mozambique — where South African commandos struck the bases of the banned African National Congress (ANC) — and other countries had been warned repeatedly not to harbor or help such elements. Countries which did left South Africa or alternative but to strike and if it became necessary it would be done again, he added.

Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, political leader of more than five million Zulus, has condemned the South African raid on Maputo, the Mozambican capital. He told a "black unity" rally of 15,000 people in Soweto near here last night the attack on the ANC installations was a tragedy of a kind which "created intense hatred, hardened feelings and made reconciliation between black and white more and more impossible to realize."

In another development, the extreme right-wing white commando has threatened a massive bombing campaign against black

families living illegally in white areas of Johannesburg and issued death threats to landlords housing them, the *Sunday Times* reported.

The organization set Feb. 15 as the deadline for blacks to evacuate "white premises." Under South Africa's strict racial segregation laws, people are required to live in specific neighborhoods according to race.

'Apemen' spotted

PEKING, Feb. 2 (AFP) — Chinese scientists have spotted the elusive "apemen" of southern Hubei province for the first time, the Shanghai newspaper *Wenhui Bao* said Monday.

Previously only reported by peasants, the apemen walk erect and stand more than two meters tall. Expeditions sent to look for them in 1977 and 1979 brought back evidence of their existence in the form of fur and excrement.

Wenhui Bao said the latest Chinese Academy of Sciences expedition, which also found similar evidence, made sightings of the apemen in February and May last year. On Dec. 23, two members saw a female foraging for food with her offspring.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

Often as school kids we would sit around discussing our ambitions, and these covered the usual range: from the president of the republic to a fireman. (The first ambition is easy to understand, the second was explained by appeal to those flashing, tooting huge red cars, stopping for nothing on the road, not even the traffic lights).

All this was normal. But one of our number had a strange aspiration. He had read the poet, writer and painter Khalil Gibran at that tender age. He also read that the man owned his considerable achievement, in no mean measure, to a lady, Mary Haskell, who had supported him financially, thus freeing him from the more mundane worries of working for a living. His dream was, accordingly, to find another such lady so that his own alleged genius would flower undisturbed.

We kept telling him that the point of the Gibran story was the man was originally, and under his own steam, a genius. How did he know he was that also, seeing he had done nothing. His answer was invariance: "Genius" — rubbish! Find me my Mary and I'll out-Gibran in no time. I've read the books and seen the pictures. I can do better in my sleep. Just find the lady..."

There was no argument with him then. But as we grew up and parted our ways, and learned that life was mainly about getting on as best you can, I found whenever I met him that there was still an argument with him. He remained faithful to that original dream, refusing what he called "mundane" employment, sitting around in cafes daydreaming of his Mary. I would say that he could, in the meantime, write a story or draw a picture. Anything. Just to show the lady when she comes along something to build on that it wasn't all talk.

He would dismiss this contemptuously. "Picture! Story!" he would snort. "What we are talking about is nothing less than a wholesale neo-Romantic revival, and all you can think about is a lousy picture!"

Last time I saw him was in Beirut. (The civil war had made him move to Cairo, a place he said he disliked since it was full of useless people sitting around waiting for the neo-Romantic revival). In front of him was the eternal plate of *Shawarma* (to be followed by the eternal black coffee). He had aged visibly — hair receding, girth advancing.

"Found her yet?" I asked. "Not to worry," he said. "Any day oow..." I asked if he had done any work meanwhile. "Do you know," he said peevishly, "that Hitler has never done a paid job in his life — until he became Chancellor, that is? So don't start again..."

"But look how Hitler ended up," I said. "Then take Reagan," he retorted. "Achieving his aim at seventy... That leaves me around thirty more years..."

Translated from *Ashraf Al-Awsat*

Vanuatu expels French envoy

PORT VILA, Feb. 2 (R) — The French ambassador in Vanuatu, ruled by Britain and France and known as the New Hebrides until independence last year, is being expelled, a government spokesman said Monday.

Spokesman John Bessant said Ambassador Yves Rodrigues was told Monday he had been declared *Persona non Grata* in protest against the French government's withdrawal of a visa for Vanuatu Secretary of State Barak Sope to visit the nearby French territory of New Caledonia.

The envoy had been given 24 hours to leave the southwest Pacific country, the spokesman said. In Paris, the Foreign Ministry also announced the expulsion and said in a statement that France deplored the attitude of the Vanuatu authorities.

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